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VOICE FROM  
HEAVEN"



MATT 28:19.

# The Church of God Evangel



MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.



THE  
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THE  
TRUTH

To-Day

WITH every rising of the sun  
Think of your life as just begun.

The Past has cancelled and buried deep  
All yesterdays. There let them sleep.

Concern yourself with but To-day.  
Grasp it, and teach it to obey

Your will and plan. Since time began  
To-day has been the friend of man.

You and To-day! A soul sublime  
And the great heritage of time.

With God Himself to bind the twain,  
Go forth, brave heart! Attain! Attain!

Anonymous.



THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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## Notes from The Editor



### EVANGEL

We regret to advise that due to the amount of cost attached to the publication of the Evangel in its new form we will be forced to increase the subscription price after March 1st to \$1.50 for each yearly subscription. This will apply to single subscriptions as well as club subscriptions, thus leaving the way open for any one to subscribe when they are ready.

The price was lowered last year to \$1.25 but the change in the paper has practically doubled the amount of postage because of the increased weight. On the regular edition the press work is twice the amount it was on the old newspaper style and on the special edition of thirty-two pages it requires four times the amount of press work. The magazine form has to be stitched attaching considerable cost and labor in this respect as well as twice the amount of time and labor in folding the special edition. Its present form has to be trimmed also.

The Evangel has never been a paying proposition and will not be, even at this price. We have used every possible economy to hold the cost of its production down to its minimum and allowed the subscription price to stand at \$1.00 by a special permission to give the church public a chance to subscribe before increasing the price. We consider it will be very cheap at the price of \$1.50 per year.

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### GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS BIBLES

We can supply the General Indebtedness Bibles by return mail. Ministers who have not ordered their quota of six Bibles should do so at once.

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During the year 1910 there were 948,166 marriages in the United States or an average of 10.28 per cent per 1000 population. The number of divorces during the same year was 83,045 or 8.8 per cent of the whole number that assumed marriage vows during the same period. The number of marriages reached its peak during the year 1929 with a total of 1,232,559 marriages giving an average of 10.14 per cent for each 1000 population. During the same year there was granted 201,468 divorces or an average of 16.3 per cent of those having assumed marriage vows during the same year.

During the year 1930 there were 1,128,280 marriages or 9.16 per cent for each

1000 population. During the same year 191,591 divorces were granted which was 16.9 of the whole of those assuming marriage vows during the same year. You will here notice an increase of .6 per cent in the number of divorces granted during the year 1930 over the previous year of 1929.

During the year 1931 there was 1,060,095 marriages or 8.5 per cent average to each 1000 population. During the same year there were 183,695 divorces granted or an average of 17 per cent of those who assumed marriage vows during the same year. Thus during the years 1929-31 there has been a decrease of 172,464 marriages yet resulting in a slight increase in the number of divorces. During the year 1931 there were 4,338 marriages annulled. It is estimated there is almost 100,000 children affected by divorces granted annually in this country. This sad and deplorable fact is the result of men and women living without God which emphatically proves the inspiration of the Scriptures that say the world will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. This is particularly noticeable since in the last twenty-one years the number of marriage divorces has increased from 8.8 per cent to 17 per cent or practically doubled. —Figures taken from World Almanac.

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### TEACHERS' QUARTERLIES

In the Evangel last week Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, announced the addition of a Teachers' Quarterly to our Sunday School Literature. Since this will be the first appearance of this work on the market we are at a loss to know just how much or what quantity of this work to produce. In order to guide us in the amount of the first issue I think it advisable to ask each Sunday School superintendent to either place their order now or at least to send an estimate of the number of Teachers' Quarterlies wanted for their school so we can compute these and prevent an overpublication. These do not need to be paid for until your other literature is ordered, paying for both at the same time.

The price of the Teachers' Quarterly will be twenty cents single copy, five or more copies to one address seventeen cents per copy. Please do not overlook this request for information as it is important. We wish to publish a sufficient supply, but we do not wish to overpublish.—Editor.

## NOTICES

### CORRECTION

In Brother Paul H. Walker's article on "Where are the Dead" a few weeks ago, and under the subhead "Where is Sheol Located," there was a reference to Rom. 16:32, 33. This reference should have been Num. 16:32, 33.

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To all concerned: We wish to announce that the Tampa, Fla. district convention will convene at the Church of God at Largo, March 17-18. There will be services Friday night and Saturday morning, 10:00 a. m.; ministers' conference, 2:00 p. m.; Sunday, 10:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. Tampa district consists of the following churches: Tampa, Hudson, Sulphur Springs, Tarpon Springs, Clearwater, Largo. Let each church represent with a good delegation and a good report on all lines of the church work—missions, orphanage, general indebtedness, camp ground, Sunday School, and Y. P. E. Let us prove to our State Overseer and our God that we are loyal to the Church of God and mean to adhere to the rulings of the Assembly. We can do this by bringing a good report on the above named departments. It will be good if every pastor, evangelist, Sunday School superintendent, deacon, clerk, Y. P. E. president and leader of every kind be present at the ministers' conference Saturday at 2:00 p. m. You will receive information and admonition that will do you good when you are facing the problems alone. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Everybody bring well filled baskets. Brother E. W. Williams, State Overseer, will be in charge. —T. W. Godwin, district pastor, 2903 18th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

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The Church of God at Moorhead, Miss. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Lucille Simmons, Amvilla Johnson, L. F. Tellis. If not heard from by next conference, their names will be dropped from the list.—A. M. Wasson, clerk.

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We have just had a real good meeting in Columbus, Ga. Eleven received the Holy Ghost and eight united with the church. Brother A. H. Batts did the preaching and he surely preached good. —L. F. Clements, pastor.

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### CORRECTION

In the last orphanage report credit was given to Broad, S. C. for 86c when it should have been given to Broad Creek, N. C.

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The Church of God at Blue Diamond, Ky. would like to hear from the following at once concerning their spiritual condition: Eugene Roundtree, Gemma Roundtree, Alice Terrell, Vinna Terrell, Nanie Gibbs, Mae Fraley, Laura Morgan, Mrs. A. Z. Kazee, Pearl King, Grace

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## How Should We Baptize?

Text: Matt. 28:19-20.

**A**ND Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

### COMMAND AND AUTHORITY

The above command to teach all nations and baptize them, is based on the claim of Jesus that "all authority" in heaven and in earth is given into His hands. Hence, the command is the result of the "authority" with which Jesus has Himself been invested as a right to give such a command.

### THE BAPTISM OF JOHN

There is nothing said by John about a formula or a name into which to baptize. He simply states that, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 3:11. In John 1:33 he tells us, "I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." Here we learn from John that God sent him to baptize with water and gave him a sign whereby he would know the Christ when He appeared. It is here amply set forth that the ministry of John was only to form a connecting link between the two dispensations and "to prepare the way of the Lord," Mark 1:3. John was the messenger sent before His face to prepare the way before Jesus our Lord. Mark 1:2.

God had given John a sign or witness whereby he would recognize Christ when He came, and the purpose of all his ministry was to properly prepare the people for the coming of Jesus and to introduce Him to Israel. Accordingly he testified that, "After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: But that he might be manifest unto Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water." Thus he here tells us that his ministry was to introduce Christ unto Israel. Accordingly John recognized Jesus when he bap-

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

tized Him by the sign God had given. Matt. 3:13-17; John 1:32-34.

"And John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me for he was before me. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples: and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. When therefore John beheld his followers leaving him and following Jesus, his testimony was fulfilled wherein he had said, He must increase but I must decrease." Not long after the appearance of Jesus John was cast into prison and Jesus, "the Truth" and the "true Light," filled the scene until the crucifixion and ascension.

### THE BIBLE IS SILENT

The Bible is silent as to any formula used either by Christ Himself or by His disciples during the ministry of Jesus while here on earth. The ministry of John had accomplished its purpose in establishing proper witness of Jesus, therefore Christ as the Son of God assumed command of the situation, introducing changes when and where such was in order. Of course all Bible readers know that the ministry of Jesus was confined almost entirely unto the Jews during His own ministry before the cross. What John had introduced was sufficient while the testimony and witness of the gospel was unto the Jews only. Therefore, there is no record of change in the baptismal ceremony, nor is it even mentioned if they had one. From John they had learned that baptism was connected with the remission of sins. The ministry of Jesus was not so much a continuation of baptismal rites as John had well attended to that job. Therefore, He ministered unto their sick and taught such things as would promote the interest of the cause He was representative of, and especially to prove that He was the Son of God.

### THE REJECTION OF THE KING

However, after He was rejected as the King of the Jews, He laid down His life

on the cross to "at-one" for both Jews and Gentiles that they might both be reconciled by His blood and made fellow-heirs of the same promise. Therefore, there being a change in the plan of the gospel as had been previously limited to include none but Jews. Matt. 10:5-6; 15:24.

The benefit which was to have resulted in the establishment of the kingdom of Israel, was suspended and the Church composed of both Jew and Gentile took its place in the economy of God. Therefore, to meet the needs of the new dispensation Christ issued a new advanced command and limit concerning baptism as connected with the work of the church during the entire church age.

### THE NEW COMMAND

The new command as mentioned in our text, in which it is enlarged to include "all nations" and some definite form is also mentioned with respect to formula or the breadth and purpose of baptism in the name or names involved in that commission. This new order was based upon the fact that Christ having obtained all "authority" in heaven and in earth, now purposed that the Gentiles should hear the gospel of salvation and believe. God had sent John to baptize but among Jews only. The Coming One to which he referred had now come, had been rejected and crucified, and now that the purpose of God through the death of His own Son might be furthered, Christ gave the new command and commission including all nations and every creature. Therefore, He as the "appointed heir of all things" and as High Priest over the "house of God," had "authority" to issue an order respecting the furtherance of His work. Therefore, from the lips of Christ as the only one that mentions in any sense a formula or name in which to baptize, comes the command that "all nations be taught" and "baptized" "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This commission was given after Christ had risen from the dead and it is the only one ever given, and a second would violate both the sovereignty and right of Christ concerning the one already given. The Greek gives it, "Baptidzontes autous eis to onama tou patros kai tou Heous



kai tou hageou pneumatou." Literally it means "baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The use of the name does not mean merely the use of the name as a formula, but it means or signified baptizing them "into the power and influence of the Holy Trinity." By the remission of sins, and baptism of repentance those actually baptized were being absolved of their guilt from their past sins and were, upon obedience unto the gospel and command of Christ, now immersed "into the name of the Holy Trinity." God that had given His own Son to be the Savior of the world, is here represented in the furtherance of the plan of salvation which involves all nations. The Son of God who had died for the sins of "the whole world" (1 John 2:2) was likewise here represented as concerned and an active power and agent in the salvation of the whole world. The Holy Spirit which Christ had promised to send from "the Father in his name," by which all men are regenerated unto life and which was to be the Christians' "paraclete" or Comforter in Christ's stead, is also included and represented as here equally concerned in the plan of salvation and in redeeming the world from sin. There is the Family of God, constituted of those "both in heaven and in earth," over which is God. There is the Church over which "Christ is Head" and now located upon earth, composed of those redeemed by His blood. The Holy Ghost is the life-giving Spirit.

These three active agents and powers "agree in one" and are in substance "one" and make up the Divine Persons of God as concerned with things in heaven and in earth. God is over all things in heaven and in earth. Christ is over the Church and those fallen powers that He must subdue. The Holy Spirit as a Servant of both God and Christ goes in the name of Christ to minister unto His own. By repentance and baptism "into this Holy Trinity" men are immersed. The "into" shows the end and aim of the consecration and purpose of baptism. That it purposes to bring us under the "name" of God with whom we commune as "sons of God." "Into" the name of the Son signifies that we are through repentance and belief of the gospel, brought "into sonship with Christ" by whom and through whom we are made "fellowheirs of the grace of God." "Into the name of the Holy Ghost" signifies the induction of the creature into a new and spiritual life. These, however, must not be taken as "names" but as constituting the Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity under one name, therefore, the command to baptize "into the name," etc. These Persons were revealed at the baptism of Jesus mentioned in Matt. 3:16, 17. The Son was baptized, the Spirit descended and lighted upon Him, the voice of the Father acclaimed Jesus as my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

There is no thought on the part of the apostles to depart from this "name" nor to use another formula or ceremony. Turning to Acts 2:38 we have it, "Re-

pent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." The Greek renders it, "Epi to onomati Iasou Christou." Epi is a preposition and is translated with the genitive "upon, or on," thus the reading would be "upon or on" the name of Jesus Christ. Turning back to our text we learn that it is "upon" the "authority" of "Jesus that the command to preach unto all nations, baptizing them, was issued. Thus the apostles here is only citing his "authority" for commanding them to repent and be baptized. It was, therefore, "upon" the authority of Jesus that he commanded them to repent and be baptized. He is not baptizing the people, but is commanding them to repent and be baptized, simply giving the source of his authority for doing so. There is nothing here to indicate that the apostle intended to use "in the name of Jesus Christ" as a baptismal formula. Christ had already given that and he is citing it as his source of authority, simply omitting the use of the name Father and Spirit "into" whose active powers Christians are immersed as they also are "into" that of the Son."

#### ACTS 10:48

"And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." Here the verb is in the infinitive, and the article of the noun stands in the dative case and would, therefore, be translated "to" or "for," thus the translation would run, "He commanded them to be baptized to the name of the Lord" or "for the name of the Lord." In either case the translation agrees with "baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The thought here is not that they are to be baptized using the name of the Lord as a formula, but to be baptized "to the Lord" or "for the Lord," which agrees with the text in Matthew 28:19. See 1 Cor. 15:29; Rom. 6:3, 6; Gal. 3:27.

#### ACTS 8:16

Here we have, "Only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." The Greek rendering is, "Monon-de DeBaptismenoi hupeorchon eis to onoma tou kuriou Ieesou." Translated, "But only baptized they were to or into the name of the Lord Jesus."

Here the "eis" is a preposition and is used with the accusative only, and expresses motion towards; to or into. Thus they were baptized in the water "into the name of the Lord Jesus," that is by remission of sins they put on Christ. They simply take upon them the obedience unto the commands to be baptized and are by the acts of His grace identified with Him as Christians; thus the Christian takes His name from Christ. This passage is in harmony with the text, "Baptizing them into the name," etc. as in Matt. 29:19.

#### ACTS 19:5

The translation in Acts 19:5 is identical with that of Acts 8:16. The act of baptism was not a mere baptism into water, but it signified that the candidate had put off sin through the death of Jesus Christ and was identified as risen

with Him by grace to walk in newness of life. Rom. 6:4. Baptism therefore, "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," was harmonized in these scriptures for they do not point so much to the formula as they do to the act of grace whereby we are, through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, saved from our sins and are identified both with God as our Father, and Christ as His Son, who is our brother, and we share with Him the Spirit of the Father whereby we cry, Abba Father. The command by Jesus as given in our text begins with God as the Father of mankind, who through the act of baptism which follows repentance (see Mark 1:4) and "teaching them all things whatsoever I have said unto you," who is bringing back the straying creation unto Himself, through Jesus Christ His own Son as a mediator, and through the Holy Ghost as a source of Divine life.

#### ITS DURATION

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The command to baptize was obligatory upon all nations. The name into which they were to be baptized was "The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Jesus was not the Father; He was the Son of God (John 3:16; Matt. 3:16-17; John 16:17, 17, 28; John 17:1; 20:31). If Jesus had been the Father why did He constantly refer to the fact that He was leaving the world and going unto "my Father, the Father," etc.? The fact is that He never claimed to be more than the Son of God. He purposed working with the disciples whom He was sending into all nations.

The name into which they were to be baptized was to last until the end of the age. The Greek word is "aionos," meaning age. Some versions have it "Gee," meaning the whole inhabited earth. There was no intention on the part of the Savior that another formula should be used, nor was there any intention on the part of the apostles to issue another. To baptize "into the name of Jesus alone" could not fulfill the command of Matthew 28:19. 1. Because Jesus was not the Father. 2. He was not the Holy Ghost. However, to accept Him and be baptized, those so doing automatically accepted the plan of the Salvation of God provided through His own Son and through the Holy Ghost when they accepted Christ and was baptized "for the Lord" or "to the Lord," thus assuming the name and character of Christians but not apart from the knowledge of the fact that there was a Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Therefore, the formula of Matthew 28:19 is binding for the age. 1. By the authority of Christ who issued it. 2. In that to use or establish another would be in violation of the one already given by Christ.

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# Man's Nature In His Present State

By PAUL H. WALKER

**O**WING to the fact that so many are contaminated with the doctrine regarding man and his makeup, teaching us that both soul, body and spirit are identical and that man is not a compound unit, therefore I wish to express to our readers the divine, scriptural truth regarding man. We will find the scripture lesson in Psalms 8:4-7, "What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hath crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet; All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beast of the field." The above scripture teaches that man was created a little lower than the angels, but is crowned with glory and honor.

We read in Gen. 1:26, 27, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." We will now turn to St. John 4:24, "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." We also read in St. John 24:39, "A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have." So for mankind to be created in the image of God he would be created a spirit being. And correctly speaking we would say, I am a soul and I live in a body. Col. 1:15, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." Thus we see if we are in God's image we are not only spirit beings but also invisible. Paul tells us in 1 Tim. 1:17 that God is immortal. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and forever. Amen."

## MAN IN GOD'S LIKENESS

To create man in God's likeness and image would be to create him a spirit being, immortal and immaterial. Job tells us in Ch. 32:8 that there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Also Solomon says in Eccl. 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth and the spirit to God who gave it."

## HE FORMED A SPIRIT IN MAN

Zech. 12:1 we note the following: "The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel saith the Lord, which stretched forth the heavens and layeth the foundations and formeth the spirit of man within him." God also formed a body out of the dust of the earth, an earthly house for man to dwell in. Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man out of the dust \* \* \*." The Apostle Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 5:1-6 that if this earthly tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of

God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Therefore, we are confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. This clearly teaches beyond a shadow of a doubt that God formed a body as an earthly house for that immortal, immaterial, indestructible soul to dwell in, and that the soul and body could not possibly be the same. Our bodies are mortal, but our soul is immortal. In 2 Cor. 4:11 Paul says, "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." Also in Rom. 6:12 we are instructed that we should not let sin reign in our mortal body. So it could not be denied that our bodies are mortal and that they are the only part of us that will put on immortality in the resurrection. Turn to Phil. 3:20, 21. Paul tells us that our vile bodies shall be changed and fashioned like unto His own glorious body providing V. 20 is lived out in our lives. In 1 Cor. 15:44 Paul, speaking of our body, says, "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. We will take on that spiritual body at the time of complete redemption. Now we have scripturally found the Bible teaches that man is both body and spirit, also that he is both body and soul.

1 Cor. 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your spirit and in your body which are God's." Matt. 26:41, "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." Num. 27:16, "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation." We can readily see by the above scriptures man is both body and spirit. Turn with me to 3 John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Who would dare to deny but what the above scripture clearly teaches man to be soul and body? The Apostle John realized that the spiritual tide was high in the life of beloved Gaius, but that his physical condition may have been in critical danger. No matter how our physical man may suffer or how old and feeble we may become, we may be a bedridden invalid, or too poor to have proper food, yet, thank God, we can have victory in our soul, and be spiritually healthy. You have seen that precious saint of God in the dark hours of death, raise his or her voice in praise to God (while the body was suffering excruciating pain) and say, "I am ready to go." What did they mean? They meant that that spiritual, immortal, invisible, eternal part of man (the soul) would soon be with God. But the old temple of clay, the body, would return to dust. We might read 2 Cor. 4:16 to prove man a compound being. "For

which cause we faint not: but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Dear reader, nothing could be plainer. We might also note that the spirit of man is a conscious identity (substance, Rom. 8:16), "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Rom. 7:22, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." We feel that we need not comment or try to prove further that the spirit of man is a conscious identity.

## VOLITIONAL PART OF MAN

The soul is the volitional (choosing) part of man's being. Micah 6:7 says, "Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" "Every sin that a man doeth is without the body," so says the Apostle, thus proving the soul to be the volitional part of man. "Yes," you may say, "but you have not yet proved that the soul is immortal." Dear reader, I will refer you to the words of Jesus in Matt. 10:28, "And fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear Him that is able to destroy BOTH soul and body in hell." If the soul cannot be killed by man yet the body can, is it not immortal? Most assuredly. We may notice some tribulation scripture in Rev. 6:9-11. Here we see the souls under the altar, of them that were killed for the Word of God. They cried, "Holy and true, O Lord." While the bodies of these martyrs are cold in death, yet their souls live on. Another scripture to prove the immortality of the soul is in 1 Pet. 3:4, which clearly states not to decorate the corruptible man with corruptible things, but the incorruptible man with a meek and quiet spirit, the incorruptible.

## GOD IS IMMORTAL

The Greek word for immortal is "aphthartos," and is used in 1 Tim. 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal \* \* \*." Since we find that "aphthartos" means immortal or the hidden man, then we can clearly see that the Apostle Peter meant what he said in 1 Pet. 3:4 in regard to the hidden man being immortal. We feel we have clearly proven the immortality, the spirituality, the volitional, the eternal part of man; namely, the soul, also the mortal and destructible part of man, the body, that part which Job said God had formed in man, the spirit. Thus we see man a compound being, spirit, soul and body.

Dr. Mayo, the greatest in the northwest, defines man and finds in the average fat enough to make eight bars of soap, iron enough to make an eight penny nail, potassium enough to explode one toy pistol, a pinch of magnesium, sulphur enough to chase the flies off a dog's back, lime enough to whitewash a medium sized chicken coop, phosphorus enough to tip 2500 matches; and all these can be bought at a drug store for

between one and two dollars. No wonder David said, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

But Jesus did not die for that old temple of clay of ours alone, but He saw within that earthly house a precious, never-dying, immortal soul. Dear reader, it ought to be easy to see how a soul or mankind could be tormented forever and forever and yet not be annihilated. Owing to the fact that we are in the image of God, indestructible as far as eternity is concerned, I trust that these truths will be the means of opening

someone's eyes to the fact that they are not their own, but that they are responsible as to where they will spend eternity, since they are the ones to choose whom they will serve. Death is an awful monster, but it is not so awful if our soul has been redeemed with the blood of Jesus. If it has not been redeemed, dear reader, remember that it will never die, but be forever lost. May God help us to be true to the trust He left us until He says, "It is enough, come up higher."

## Freak Evangelism - - -

**F**IRST of all, we will state what we do not mean by freak evangelism. We don't wish to class everything that is new or unusual in method as freak evangelism. We thoroughly believe that we must adapt the presentation of our message to the age in which we live, as well as to the people to whom we minister. But our message will also be the same message because the world's ills are the same ailments that confronted Jesus and His disciples. We aren't slaves to the past. Custom cannot dictate how ministers shall dress, speak or act, unless it is the good old custom of common sense and godliness in the ministry.

We have at the present time a good many child prodigies who are attempting to preach the gospel. We will admit that children can be saved and filled with the Spirit, and also that they can be used to bring a message to their elders. But we hardly believe that many children will maintain either the anointing or the message necessary to engage in evangelistic work. It is usually a case of parents or other relatives, who seek to exploit the ability of precocious boys and girls. We believe with all our hearts that the preaching of the Gospel is a man's job, requiring an abundance of mature knowledge, wisdom, and experience. The pulpit needs men and women, rather than children. When Jesus was a child, He surely of all children could have engaged in the ministry, but He waited until thirty years of age, according to the requirements of the law.

Young men will need more than a slide trombone and a Ford car to be a minister of the Gospel. Young women will also find that a curl on each shoulder, and a cape will be slim equipment for the ministry. That which savors of the frivolous and foolish cannot adorn the Gospel. Vaudeville methods used by young men in double breasted, blue serge coats with ice cream trousers, seldom produces a serious state of mind that leads to reflection on the wages of sin. Neither does a crooner whose voice slips and slides, or a yodeler, produce much conviction.

God has not called us to entertain the public, but to proclaim His message with no uncertain sound. The fickle mob will run from one entertainer to another, and

the fellow who ballyhoos the loudest will always get a crowd of nit wits whose ears must be tickled.

The ministry has been degraded by the exploitation of personality. John the Baptist was surely a great character, according to the words of Jesus, but John said, "He must increase, but I decrease." It seems almost impossible to get a crowd unless one is advertised as an ex-convict, ex-beauty queen, ex-hoodlum, ex-priest or ex-rabbi. That which one has been as a sinner, does not necessarily enable one to preach the Gospel, but rather, how much anointing from God do I possess? Preaching from a coffin or dressed in overalls may attract sensation seekers, but these soon disappear when the sensation is gone.

Freak evangelism also seeks freak subjects. Poor old Mussolini has been worked to death as the Antichrist. The fasciate emblem has been discovered to be the mark of the Beast. Hell has been located eighteen miles from any city where certain evangelists happen to be preaching. Parading the sick across a platform, when prayer is offered for their bodies, has become monotonous since genuine healings are so few. Some preachers who seem to have exhausted Bible subjects then turn to British-Israelism, purgatory for the eternal security of saints who are raptured while carnal and sinful, but never lost their eternal life.

Meetings must be kept at a high pitch. Expert methods of promoting are employed. Extravagant use of superlative in advertising borders on falsehood. When the much heralded and advertised evangelist proceeds across the platform to the pulpit at the psychological moment, the audience is expected to rise, and loudly applaud by clapping of hands. Such applause now supplants the old fashioned "Amen" and must be repeated many times during the sermon. And then the offering or offerings must be stressed. From 20 to 40 minutes can be consumed in first collecting dollar bills, and afterward the loose change in offering plates.

What a contrast this is (when compared) to the methods of the Apostle Paul in Corinth. "And I brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto

you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:1-5.

Brethren, we have been charged to speak the things which become Sound Doctrine, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Taken from "The Gospel Broadcast."—Sent in by Miss Helen Swanson, Minot, N. Dak.

## WHEN THE POWER FELL PEOPLE CAME

Dear saints, I praise the Lord for the many ways in which He blesses those who fight the good fight. On Oct. 26 I started a revival in a large store room on Second Street in Thomas, W. Va., a new field where I knew they fought holiness. The first few nights our crowds were not so large but when the power of God began to fall people began to come. The building was packed every night. Sinners began to fall in at the altar and be saved. About fifty were saved and sanctified and eleven received the Holy Ghost. Many more went to the altar but some never came back. They came from different towns and miles around to the greatest revival that ever struck this town. Some were amazed, others said it was nothing more than an old time Methodist meeting.

The meeting closed on Dec. 3 with everybody in good spirits and the promise of another meeting to be held by Brother Kile after the holidays. Please pray for me that I'll be a bright and shining light for Jesus. I am not twenty yet but I have two churches to pastor and have to work in the mines, so I need the prayers of the saints. Pray that God will make a way for me to go out into the world and preach the Gospel and supply my needs according to His riches in glory. Praise His dear name.—A brother in Jesus, John Bava, Box 367, Pierce, W. Va.

## WE THANK THE LORD FOR VICTORY

WHITTIER, N. C.—We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing here. We met at three p. m. New Year's Day for prayer meeting and the Lord began to bless. There were four saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The service lasted until about eight p. m. We have had a battle with the enemy, but thank the Lord we have victory. We desire the prayers of all God's children that the Lord will continue to bless here.—A sister in Christ, Mary Tippet, clerk.

# Sanctification, A Definite Experience

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**T**HAT there is a definite experience of sanctification taught in the Bible can not be denied, for we know Jesus had power to forgive sins before He shed His blood. This is plainly taught in His talk with the disciples, the twelve and also the seventy, when they returned from the mission He had sent them on. In Luke 10:17 when the seventy returned with joy saying even the devils were subject to them thru His name, He answered them saying: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice, because your names are written in heaven," Luke 10:19, 20.

The theory properly presented is that in the normal Christian the principle of holiness begins with the new birth. This places one in the attitude of his transgressions and the acceptance of God in his life. The believer grows in grace and in the knowledge of the truth until by the final, all surrendering act of faith in Christ, he reaches an instantaneous, complete, thorough experience of sanctification, the act of the Holy Spirit, the sanctifier.

We read in Heb. 9:22 that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. This shows plainly that the sin principle was destroyed by the blood.

In order to better understand sanctification you might take up the word "holy." Some of the direct references to this are as follows: Lev. 20:7. God told Moses to tell the people to sanctify themselves and be holy for He was the Lord their God. This had reference to the ceremonial cleansing. Lev. 16:7-20 gives a thorough description of the sacrifices for sin. In the Old Testament "atone ment" is the English word used for the Hebrew word which means cover, covering, or to cover. Atonement (at-one-ment) is, therefore, not a translation of the Hebrew, but a purely theological conception. The Levitical offering covered the sins of Israel until and in the anticipation of the cross, but did not take away. Heb. 10:4. The Levitical sacrifice which God "passed over" was never vindicated until in the cross. Jesus Christ was set forth a propitiation for sin. 1 John 2:2. It was the cross, not the Levitical priesthood which made "at-one-ment." The Old Testament sacrifices enabled God to go on with the guilty people because they typified the cross. To the offered they were the confession of his desert of death and the expression of his faith in God. They were the "shadows" of which Christ was the reality. Heb. 10:1.

In the fulfillment of God's plan and purpose, Jesus came. He came and shed His blood for the remission of sin. The Greek word for remission in Matt. 26:28; Acts 10:43; and Heb. 9:22 is elsewhere rendered "forgiveness" and means to send off or away. Possibly this is enough

to show that thru Jesus' death on the cross He purchased us and had power to forgive our transgressions.

By sanctification is meant that hallowed state in which the Christian believer is freed from sin and enabled to realize the will of God in his life. However, this is not the common meaning of the word in the scriptures. To sanctify commonly means to make holy or to separate from the world and consecrate to God. To understand this primarily means we must go back to the word "holy" in the Old Testament. That is holy which belongs to Jehovah. Of course, in speaking of God's holiness there is nothing implied as to moral character. It may refer to days and seasons, places and objects used for worship or to persons. Exactly the same usage is shown with the word "sanctify." To sanctify anything is to declare it as belonging to God. "Sanctify unto me all the first-born," Ex. 13:2. It applies thus to all that are connected with worship, Num. 3:12, the priests and the tents of meeting, Ex. 29:36. When this word is used in respect to persons it means not only a setting apart of that person, but a work wrought in the heart by the blood of Jesus, making that individual holy.

That sanctification is an instantaneous work is taught in Rom. 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

The question arises in the minds of many people as to the time and place the disciples were definitely sanctified. We answer this argument by stating that according to Heb. 13:12 Jesus, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate, showing plainly in this reference as well as many others that Jesus' blood was shed for a definite work of sanctification. In Luke 24:50-53 it is stated that Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed them and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Surely there was some special work wrought in their hearts at this time, and sanctification brings great joy.

The Greek and Hebrew words variously rendered sin, sinners, etc. disclose the true nature of sin in its manifold manifestations. Sin is transgression and overstepping of the law, the divine boundary between good and evil. Iniquity is 'inherent wrong, whether especially forbidden or not. Error is a departure from right, missing the mark, or failure to meet the divine standard. Trespasses are the intrusions of self-will into the sphere of divine authority.

The unit principle of sin that you find in every born child in the world remains there until it is eradicated by the blood

of Jesus. It is called the sin principle and it is in the child before he is aware of the fact that he is a transgressor of the laws of God. By repentance these transgressions are removed and by faith in God he reaches a place where the Holy Ghost applies the blood of Jesus and takes out that which is sometimes called "inherent sin."

I hope this will be of help to someone.

## FAITHFUL MINISTER GOES TO HIS REWARD

I take the privilege of writing a few words in memory of our dear Brother Harry C. Kipe who departed this life Jan. 22, 1933. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, Mrs. Edna Kipe, two sons, a mother, three brothers and two sisters, also many friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The writer has had the privilege of being his pastor for about seven years. A little over three years ago he and his faithful wife answered the call to the work of the ministry. Brother Kipe had a great zeal for the work of the Lord. Going to his home town of Williamsburg, Pa., where they had never heard this good gospel, he launched his first evangelistic campaign and there established their first church and built a fine church building and parsonage which stands today as one of the leading churches in the state. Since that time they established a church and built a building at Main-deer Ridge, Md. Then going to Markleysburg, Pa. they established a work there, built a fine building, also established a church at Irondale, Ohio and Clarksville, Pa. Going to Belton, W. Va. they started another church building which was nearing completion when he received his call to inherit a building not made with hands. Brother Kipe has won many souls for the Lord during his short ministry and we feel that the church has lost a valuable minister, but our loss is heaven's gain. I have assisted him in much of his work and always found him doing his best for God. He always felt his call in the new fields and endured much suffering that brought a nervous breakdown resulting in his death.

He was born Dec. 6, 1884, being forty-eight years, one month and sixteen days of age when he died. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the Church of God at Williamsburg, Pa. and his body was laid to rest in the Sparr cemetery to await the great resurrection morn. We desire to express our sympathy to his bereaved wife and pray that God will comfort her heart in this hour of sorrow. Rev. 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—D. G. Phillips.





# In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

## Missions Or Unfinished Signs

By CLYDE C. COX

Mark 16:15

**G**O YE into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

### INTRODUCTION

I esteem this theme as one of the greatest subjects of the Bible. Many have chosen the theme of the coming of the Lord, but the theme of missions is one of the greatest signs of His coming. We are looking for the Lord to return for His own. Surely He is coming. Every sign is pointing to His return. But God expects us as Spirit-filled saints to fulfill one of the greatest signs of His coming, which we will consider in this message.

### WITNESS

God said, "Ye are my witnesses." We can readily see that we are chosen witnesses of the Lord to declare His Word to all the earth (inhabitants). Acts 1:8 reads, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye (all) shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We are all filled with the missionary spirit but not all have obeyed. Some are called to go, others are called to send. If we can't go we can help send the one that can go. If we as witnesses can't speak directly to the heathen, let us speak indirectly by sending some one to carry the news of our Redeemer to the ends of the earth. By doing so you fulfill your mission call. Some one will say, "That won't be my witness, it will be the other fellow's." Read on, brother, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," 1 Cor. 3:8, 9. Your brother's witness is your witness, if you are filled with the same spirit, with your heart and support in the missionary work, for we are ministers together with God.

### UNFINISHED SIGNS

Yes, we are looking for the King of Glory! Why hasn't he come? Aren't the signs of His coming fulfilled? I can hear the voice of the Redeemer saying, No! No! If they were He would come. Read on, brother, sister. What is the unfinished sign of His coming? Here it is, And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all (not part) the world (not Georgia) for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," Matt. 24:14, and not until this passage is fulfilled. I think some of us are too selfish to give to this worthy cause. Some have the idea that the two witnesses will do the preaching to the other nations and

we are the only people that will be in the rapture. There will be people from all nations in the rapture. "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other," Matt. 23:31.

Some one says, "I thought He would get His Bride from the Church of God." He will if we will get on the job and establish it in all nations, but if we prove ourselves slackers instead of backers of the gospel we will be held responsible for them not being in the Church of God. Brother, I say let this gospel go to the ends of the earth if you are expecting the Lord to return. It is needful that it should be preached to all nations by God's ministers of today, and not two anointed ones during the tribulation, for God is expecting some from all nations to be at the marriage supper during the tribulation. "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation," Rev. 5:9.

### A GOD TO THE HEATHENS

"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him," Rom. 10:12. Yes, that's true, but this is a Gentile age we are living in. Yes, that is true too, but when the call was to the Jews as a nation Peter thought it to be an unjust thing for God to save people of other nations. God taught Peter not to believe this. "For what God hath cleansed call thou not common." That was a lesson to Peter. "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him," Acts 10:34, 35.

This is a Gentile age as a nation but not so with the believing Jews, or people of other nations as individuals, for God will save all that call upon Him. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher (missionary)? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Rom. 10:14, 15. Some one will say, "If God wanted missionaries in other nations He would send them. If He is able to call He is able to send." That is true, but God has an earthly government that He works thru and He expects us as pillars of the Church to send them according to the Scripture. That was God's plan in the

early Church. "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John," Acts 8:14. Who is supposed to do the calling of missionaries to go to foreign fields? Read for the answer, "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them," Acts 13:2. Who was the Holy Ghost speaking to when He spoke and said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul? He was speaking to the head officials of the church or those in authority to send them. Did they send them or did the Lord have to send them to the Gentiles? "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away," Acts 13:3. The Holy Ghost, without a doubt, has set His seal on many to go to the heathen nations but for the lack of the mission spirit in our people to support this worthy cause, the Mission Board is unable to send them unto the work that they have been assigned to by the Holy Ghost.

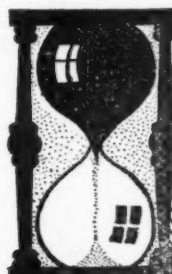
### MISSION TO THE HEATHENS

For the Lord is not willing for any to perish, but that all should come to repentance, for in Christ we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens of the household of God. At that time ye (Gentiles) were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world, but now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. We can see that we as Gentiles were once without God in the world, and considered as heathens by the Jews. Christ broke down the middle wall of partition between us, and those great, noble missionaries of the cross, willing to suffer and wade the bloody seas to bring the good tidings to us, preached peace to us which were afar off. "God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness," Psal. 47:8. The Lord's commission to His disciples was that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things, Luke 24:47, 48. The scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen thru faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

### CONCLUSION

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19, 20.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.— John 14:3.



# THE CHURCH OF GOD YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

Alda B. Harrison, Editor

LIKE SANDS OF THE HOURGLASS, TIME  
FLOWS ON TOWARD ETERNITY,  
UNCHECKED.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS DEVOTED TO THE GENERAL  
WELFARE AND SPIRITUAL UPLIFT OF OUR YOUNG  
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR,  
IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH"  
ECCLESIASTES 12:1

## The Editor's Message

Dear boys and girls:

We are just now looking out of our window admiring and thanking God for the sunshine coming out so beautifully after several days of dark cloudy weather. It just reminds us of the lives of God's little ones. We wonder how many who may as you read these pages be in the midst of a cloud. You are wondering just what it means. May I tell you what it means? It means a blessing for you and perhaps hundreds of others if you make your clouds stepping stones to greater heights in God. These clouds are just among the "all things" that God will work together for good to you if you love Him. "Be still and know that I am God."

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The cloud which hovers over some of you may be in the form of difficulties in your Young People's Endeavor work. You may have been moving along so beautifully, everything looked so encouraging and it looked as though you were just marching right on to victory almost over the top for Jesus. And along came the devil and threw in a bomb shell and just tore everything to pieces. Yes, we've seen this happen a thousand times.

Oh, you say, "But how could this kind of a cloud be turned into a blessing?" If you hold on in the midst of this turmoil keeping your eyes on Jesus and your mouth closed against any unkind utterance, and just let God work it all out, you will see that He can turn your cloud into sunshine. But if you give up and say, "Oh, there is no use trying, I'm just going to quit," then you will spoil God's chance of working it out for your good. What is needed in a case of this kind is to have some true blue material with stickability enough to march on in the face of the enemy until the victory is won.

Some of you remember studying about the Y. P. E. bridge in one of our Lighted Pathway lessons. If you are having clouds of this kind just look up this lesson and study it over again and see what part of your bridge has failed. At least keep the pillars, (which is faith) strong, and wait for God to work. "Be still and know that I am God."

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It may be that your cloud is that of disappointment. Perhaps you have had

great ambitions along the line of education and preparation for your life work. You see the need of it. Along came this depression and swept away your savings and you are seemingly defeated. Or it may be you were almost ready to go away to school and along came the hand of death and took away the father of the home and John must shoulder the responsibility of the family's support. Or mother has been called away and Mary must take charge of the home duties, and so

## Our Clouds

When night came down upon our life  
And all was dark and drear,  
And strange forebodings filled our hearts  
Of some great evil near:  
We also feared to pass within  
The heaven-descending cloud,  
Whose mystic folds enwrapped us round  
Like some dread, deathly shroud.

But Christ was hid within its folds,  
With Him why should we fear?  
The cloud soon passed, and we rejoiced,  
For all grew bright and clear.  
And "Jesus only" we beheld  
To succor and defend,  
In storm and stress, 'mid pain and loss,  
Our never-failing Friend.—Sel.

the cloud has settled down upon you. I wonder what we might say to comfort and help you in this hour of sorrow. Our words will not suffice. But the still small voice is saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

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It may be you have prayed incessantly for years for some other ambition and your hopes have been crushed. You are beginning to wonder if God answers prayer. This brings to my mind an experience of my own with my son and older daughter when they were small. They wanted a pony. I had taught them to ask Jesus for what they wanted and they told me they were going to do so. They prayed for a

number of years but with no success. One day one of them came to me and said, "Well, mother, I guess we're not going to get our pony. Perhaps if we had, it would have kicked us and killed us." They gave up with perfect submission. Oh, that we could always keep childlike in our faith and always be submissive to His will.

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Your cloud may be the giving up of worldly associates whom you have loved so long. You have previously walked hand in hand together in the ways of the world and you have chosen to walk with Jesus along the beautiful Highway of Holiness and you had to lay them, together with all worldly ambition, on the altar for God. You came to the parting of the ways; you chose the way of life and they chose to remain in the way that leads to death. Just wait patiently and keep your eyes on Jesus. They know you are on the right path and your steadfastness may lead them to Jesus. In the midst of the cloud, the gentle voice of Jesus is whispering "Be still and know that I am God."

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There is something so sweet in the words of the Psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Ps. 121:1. And as we turn from our thoughts of clouds we want to bring to you this message of hope through this little poem:

There's a wonderful Light to be seen in  
the sky,  
If we stand on the hills of God;  
There's a radiant glory to ravish the eye,  
On the hills where the saints have trod.  
Then mount to the hills in a new life sub-  
lime:  
It is worth the struggle to strive and climb  
To the beautiful hills of God.

There's a vision of Peace to be seen far  
away,  
As we stand on the hills above;  
For the sky is aglow with the city of day,  
As it shines in the kingdom of love.  
Mount up to the hills for a vision of light;  
It is worth the struggle to view the sight  
From the heaven-lit hills of God.—Sel.

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The clouds and disappointments you are now passing through are only step-

ping-stones to the top of these beautiful "hills of God." Are you using them as such? Read the lives of our great patriarchs and prophets and see their hardships before they reached the hilltop. Moses after leaving the king's palace spent forty years herding sheep, but he did it faithfully and one day he came to a mountain called Horeb where he heard the voice of God from the burning bush. Yes, God is waiting to give you a call if you will, like Moses, wade thru all difficulties and disappointments and climb your way up to the mountain top.

It was later on when Moses had gone through all kinds of trouble in the wanderings through the wilderness that God led him to the top of Mt. Sinai to give him a message to hand down to the coming generations, but he could not do this until he had climbed his way up the mountain side. It was not an easy climb for Moses, neither will it be for you. When Moses returned from this mountain top his face shone until those around him were dazzled with the light. If you want your face to shine so that you may be a soul winner for Jesus then climb, climb, climb, in spite of everything, to the top of the beautiful hills of God.

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You will never get to these beautiful hills through murmuring and complaining, but like the children of Israel you will have to be turned back again to wander on in the darkness of the valley below. It was here that Moses found them worshipping the golden calf. There are many things to worship these days and if your eyes are not kept continually on the hilltop and your feet steadily climbing you will one of these days find yourself worshipping some golden calf somewhere.

There may be many thorns and briars to pierce and tear your feet as you climb the mountain side, but there is nothing to do but wade on and on and on keeping your eyes lifted to these beautiful hills.

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You will not reach these beautiful hills of God by indifference. You cannot just sit down and expect the other fellow to carry you along. Each one has his share of climbing to do. We must all work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. No other one can do it for us.

A famous preacher once said in a sermon: "Paul got the defeat of his life, not at Lystra, where he was stoned, for he built a church there; not at Thessalonica, where he was mobbed, for he planted a church there; not at Philippi, where he was beaten with rods and put into the stocks, for he built a church there; not at Corinth and at Ephesus, where he was persecuted, for he built churches there; not at Jerusalem where he was torn by the mob, for he built a church there; but at Athens, where no violence was shown him, but where they were indifferent."

Indifference is not only one of the deadliest, but also one of the subtlest foes from which humanity suffers. Many a conscientious person who would not for a moment hostilely array himself against a righteous cause, is quite willing to let it die through indifference and neglect. We need daily to be reminded of our Lord's solemn admonition in which he said, "He that is not with me is against me."

Young man or young woman, are you in the church just sitting with folded hands when men and women, boys and girls all about you are rushing headlong down to destruction? Are you sitting and letting your pastor carry all the load? The fields

are white unto harvest and moments are flying. In a few years when it's too late, you may look back upon the wasted hours and wish you had given the best years of your life to Him. Oh, what, what will it mean to go into the presence of God empty handed!

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#### MUST I GO AND EMPTY HANDED

After a month of Christian life, nearly all spent upon a sick bed, a young man of nearly 30 years lay dying. Suddenly a look of sadness crossed his face, and to the query of a friend he exclaimed: "No, I am not afraid. Jesus saves me now, but Oh, must I go and empty handed?"

"Must I go and empty handed,  
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?  
Not one day of service give Him,  
Lay no trophy at His feet.

Must I go and empty handed,  
Must I meet my Saviour so?  
Not one soul with which to greet Him,  
Must I empty handed go?

Not at death I shrink and falter,  
For my Saviour saves me now;  
But to meet Him empty handed,  
Tho't of that now clouds my brow.

Oh, the years of sinning wasted,  
Could I but recall them now,  
I would give them to my Saviour,  
To His will I'll gladly bow.

Oh, ye saints, arouse, be earnest,  
Up and work while yet 'tis day,  
Ere the night of death o'ertake thee  
Strive for souls while still you may."

—Selected.

## Brother Tom's Room

NELLIE Bates, up in her pretty little room, knit her brows into a frown over her Sabbath school paper. Nellie's room was the only pretty one in the house. Her father was poor, and Nellie had been his housekeeper ever since her mother's death, some years before.

There were only her father and her brother in the family, and they, so Nellie thought, being men, wouldn't care whether things were pretty or not. So Nellie had spent the little money she could get, and all the care and ingenuity, with which a girl can do so much, in making her own room as attractive as possible; and the result did her credit.

What difference did it make, she thought, that the rest of the house was bare? Her father never knew whether the dingy sitting room where he read his paper in the evening was cheery or not,—at least so reasoned Nellie,—and she herself took her own friends right up to her room.

As for Tom — Well, Tom never was at home anyhow. He worked all day long, and the evenings he spent "with the fellows," and not in his dull little home;

for Tom had been growing rather "wild" of late, as lonely boys sometimes do.

Nellie, of course, felt as bad over this as any girl with a "wild" brother must, and she tried, in a way, to help Tom back to the safe path. She had wept over him in private, and reproachfully told him that he was a disgrace to her and his father, had lamented about him to her Sabbath school teacher, and had even prayed about him a little. In fact, she would have told you that she had "done her best for poor Tom," and must now let him go his own way.

It was for just this reason that we find Miss Nellie frowning over her paper. She had just finished reading an article on "Brothers and Sisters," and these words had held her attention:

"Never dare to feel that you can let your brother go on in the downward path while you have left untried one possible way of holding him back, even a little one. Have you made his home as cheerful as it possibly can be? Is his room as attractive as your own? Have you sacrificed anything for him? Above all, have you prayed for him with all

your heart and soul?"

If these words had been personally addressed to Nellie Bates, they could not have appealed to her more strongly. Tom's room as attractive as her own? She blushed as she thought of the contrast. Had she ever willingly sacrificed anything for him? And above all, had she ever really prayed? A hundred excuses for herself rose to her mind; but Nellie was an honest girl, and now that the veil of selfishness and indifference had been torn away by those words, none of the excuses she found were worth much. Certainly there was not one that could stand before the vision of Tom's room as it flashed across her mind. Even his bed was not yet made, she knew, though it was already afternoon. That surely must be done first! So down the hall she ran, and threw open Tom's door, blushing hotly at the scene before her—the unmade bed, the bare walls, the piles of yellow-covered novels on the table, the uncurtained windows, and the general dusty and cheerless aspect of everything.

At least, however, here was something definite to be done, so Nellie set to work with a will, sweeping and dusting and clearing up, till at last everything was neat and tidy, at any rate. And now she could give her attention to making the



room look pretty. Here she was in her element, and soon she discovered, to her surprise, that there was really as much pleasure in making a room pretty for other people as for oneself.

Many a trip she made to her own room to borrow bits of its brightness for Tom; and the change effected by a dainty bureau cover, some books, a table spread, a gay cushion or two, and a few photographs, was really marvelous. When it came to the walls, Nellie's task was more difficult, for she herself had only a few pictures, and those few were very dear to her heart. For a moment or two she wavered, but then she remembered that she really had sacrificed nothing as yet, and she hastened to choose from her little store the pictures that would suit Tom best.

As she went and came she noticed in her own room the lovely calendar that her Sabbath school teacher had given her for Christmas, and in Tom's the bare space over the table; and for some reason her obstinate mind would put these two things together. They certainly did seem made for each other. Nellie stood still in front of her calendar, and argued the point. It certainly was beautiful—a lovely wreath of pink and white roses surrounding the Missionary Volunteer motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us," in shining gold letters. It seemed to Nellie as if she could not give it up. Besides, it wasn't suitable for a boy, and Tom wouldn't appreciate it. But then she remembered the way he had hung over it, as she unwrapped it on Christmas morning, and even said wistfully, "Are you going to put it away in your own room, Nell?"

Perhaps, she argued, Miss Thomas wouldn't like to have her put it in some one else's room. And then her honesty reassured itself. She knew her teacher too well to believe that for a single moment. Well, anyway, she had made enough sacrifices for Tom. Hadn't she given him her precious pictures? But just then she looked up again at the calendar, and the golden verse shone its message down into her heart: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

Yes, that was the answer. She could do it for the love of Christ. And it was with a real smile on her face that she hung the pretty thing over Tom's table, cast one pleased glance around at her completed work, and then hurried downstairs.

I think you could hardly have found a more astonished boy in the whole city than Tom Bates as he threw open the door of his little room that evening. His first method of expression was that boy's safety valve, the whistle. Having thus relieved his feelings, he entered and walked around, examining and admiring. Finally he paused just in front of his table, and exclaimed under his breath, "It's Nellie's! What in the world made her do it?"

Was it only by chance that his eye fell just at that moment upon the rose-wreathed calendar with the shining mes-

sage, "The love of Christ constraineth us"? A sudden mist came across the boy's eyes, and he turned away, noticing as he did so that on the table below, his books had been neatly arranged by the same sisterly hands.

It seemed so incongruous to have those torn, soiled, yellow novels so close to the dainty thing, that with a hasty movement he gathered them in his arm and threw them in a heap on his closet floor. Then, with a strange tenderness in his heart and a half-ashamed look, he opened one of his bureau drawers and drew out from the very bottom a half-worn Bible which his mother had given him long ago, and a picture of that mother, and placed them on the empty table. "I can put them away in the morning," he murmured, "but I sort of like to have them out tonight."

He forgot them, however, in the haste of his morning dressing, and a little thrill of gladness filled Nellie's heart as she read their mute message.

She would have been gladder yet had

#### TRUST

A nest of robins, that is all,  
Aswaying in the breeze;  
But sweet the lesson that they bring  
To one beneath the trees.

How trustingly they snuggle down  
Within their nest so warm,  
And go to sleep without a fear,  
In sunshine and in storm!

When they awake, they open wide  
Their little mouths for food,  
Expecting fully that they'll soon  
Be filled with something good.

And they're not disappointed though  
They are so weak and small;  
For there is One who hears their cry,  
And satisfies them all.

—Author Unknown.

she known that Tom had cast a hurried glance into her room as he ran downstairs, and noticing how much barer than usual it looked, had started at once to make plans for showing his gratitude for her self-sacrifice.

The first thing, he decided, would be to buy some things for his own room, so as to give Nell's back. He could save enough money to buy a picture or two by giving up some of the things he knew were harmful to him, and on consideration it seemed to him worth while.

Tom was only beginning to be wild as yet, and his willingness was caused mainly by the idea many boys have that it isn't manly to be good. It didn't seem very hard to refrain for a while, if only he had some other reason than because it was right.

However, it would take some time to save money enough for a picture, and grateful Tom wanted to do something at once. He thought over it all day, and finally came to the conclusion that he

would ask Nellie if she wanted the set of bookshelves that she had once spoken about. He had some boards that would serve very well to make them, and Tom was quite clever with tools.

When he suggested this to Nellie at supper-time, she was so delighted and enthusiastic that Tom decided he could stay at home one evening, so as to begin right away on his work.

The bookshelves, however, took more than one evening; and they turned out to be such a success that Tom undertook some for the sitting room. Then Nellie urged him to make some for his own room. "Yes," said Tom, laughing, "they'd look fine up there on my walls without a thing on them. Give a nice, literary air to the room, wouldn't they?"

"If I were a boy," said Nellie composedly, "and were earning money, I'd buy myself a good book once in a while. They don't cost so much, and they're a fine thing to have. Just think what a library Mr. Judson has, and he began with just two books."

Tom considered the subject, and again found it worth while to economize in his "larks with the fellows." Tom's library began, and with it Tom's reading.

Nellie's capacity for being surprised could hardly keep pace with the new developments, but her joy knew no bounds, and she redoubled her efforts, carrying her bits of brightness downstairs now, where father sat, till he too cheered up and smiled during the evenings as he helped the children at their work.

In the meantime the Bible had never gone back to its seclusion in Tom's bureau drawer, and the calendar still breathed down its shining message from among the roses. Sometimes Nellie saw the Bible by her mother's picture lying open, but she never dreamed how much was going on in Tom's heart, till he came down one afternoon and said haltingly, "Good-bye, Nell, I'm going up to the minister's to see about joining the church."

Nellie jumped to her feet and flew to throw her arms around his neck. "O Tom, I am so glad! I wanted so to speak to you about it, but I didn't dare."

"Oh, you spoke all right," answered Tom with a little smile. "You know actions do speak louder than words. And your calendar talked all the time." — Winifred Arnold, in *Young People*.

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#### YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY—

For living a pure life.  
For doing your level best.  
For being kind to the poor.  
For looking before leaping.  
For hearing before judging.  
For thinking before speaking.  
For harboring clean thoughts.  
For being generous to an enemy.  
For stopping your ears to gossip.  
For standing by your principles.  
For being courteous as a duke.  
For asking pardon when in error.  
For being square in business dealings.  
For giving an unfortunate person a lift.  
For promptness in keeping your promise.

—The Mission Herald.

## Father's & Mother's Page

### Standing On The Promises

By ALICE CROWELL HOFFMAN

A WOMAN who managed the big job of mothering with outstanding success was asked the secret of her achievements. Without a moment's hesitation and in a most decided tone she replied, "Standing on the promises of God."

"I used to sing that grand old hymn about standing on the promises when I was still a child. I loved it then, but I never really appreciated its possibilities until I was knee-deep in motherhood. Without something powerful and unfeeling as the Word of God himself I fear I should have despaired of ever accomplishing much, but backed up by His promises there was no limit to my possibilities."

Whether or not we are familiar with the old hymn, "Standing on the Promises," it is our blessed privilege as mothers to become as familiar as possible with the promises of God which will serve us in such good stead in the worthwhile but highly exacting job of motherhood.

In the daily reading of the Bible we should keep our eyes wide open for the promises. They spring up on all sides once we set ourselves the interesting task of finding them. One mother of my acquaintance underscores the promises as she finds them in her daily reading. Many of them have a capital P. marked in front. "That means I have proved that particular verse in my own life," explained the mother. "Of course, all these verses are true but the ones that are marked with a 'P' are especially dear to me. In fact, they are part of my life, as it were."

Another mother who finds the promises of God indispensable in the big business of mothering has stored many of them away in her memory. She has committed many verses containing promises which she "needs in her business," as she puts it, while her hands are in the dishwater. There is usually a slip of paper pinned up somewhere near the sink. On this paper is a verse of poetry or a precious promise from the Word of God. These she commits while her hands are engaged in the humdrum duties which fall so plentifully to the lot of mothers.

"I never seem to find time," she explained, "to do much memorizing and, indeed, I have difficulty finding time for reading after all the other things are done so I just sandwich it in between the prosaic tasks. You have no idea how it helps with the tiresome tasks and how much more it helps to have the precious promises stored away ready to be used as occasion arises. These precious prom-

ises which I memorize sustain and comfort me on so many occasions that I cannot see how I ever got along without them.

"There seems to be one to suit every occasion that arises. For instance, when the children were both sick and I was almost worn out the doctor made me give up my nightly vigil and go to bed to get some rest. I tossed on my pillow thinking I could not possibly go to sleep while the life of my dear ones hung in the balances; then, like a flash, came the thought, 'Underneath are the everlasting arms.' I said it again and again to myself as I lay there in the restful dark; I imagined my weary body lying back upon the everlasting arms and a great peace came over me. With the thought of God's unfeeling arms about me I fell into the restful slumber I so badly needed."

"I should have been too exhausted to hunt any of the promises from God's Word that night yet that precious one stored away while I was doing other work came to my aid in my hour of need."

"Not only in times of trouble, but in the trying routine which oftentimes falls to the mother's lot, I have found these promises hidden away in my heart a panacea for frazzled nerves and consequently distorted vision. On more than one occasion when I felt that the irksome cares and the incessant demands upon

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### The Easiest Way

By EMMA GARY WALLACE

I ALWAYS believe in doing everything the easiest way," Mrs. Williams remarked pleasantly. "One can be fussy and spend their whole time doing housework, but what's the use? You remember Molly Boyd. Well, she married and lives next door to me. You just ought to see her house! There isn't a speck of dust anywhere, and every closet and cupboard and drawer is in perfect order! Well, I can't boast the same, but it seems foolish to be a slave to things!"

"Then Milly has such queer ideas about training her children. Only last week her Edward and my Clarence who are about the same age, took their air-guns and played Indian in the back yard of a vacant house down the street. There's a garage there and the boys decided that each pane of glass in the window was an Indian. They didn't stop until they had slaughtered every redskin.

Of course the landlord came up to see about it. The boys didn't deny the skirmish and Molly and I paid the damages between us. I gave Clarence a good talking to, but his father only laughed about it! He couldn't help it! The next day we had forgotten all about it.

"But not so with Molly. She explained as gravely as possible to Edward how wrong it was to destroy property. Then she told him that she would require him to repay every cent of the damage which she had met, from his own small allowance and in any way he could earn the money. Why, it will take him six weeks at least! That seems too bad to me, — children will be children!"

"This morning both Edward and Clarence earned ten cents apiece helping a man unload a wagon-box of cabbage down at the market. My Clarence went right off and had an ice cream soda. Edward went with him, and he could only look on, for he had to save his money. When I told Molly I thought it was too bad, she said that it would teach him a valuable lesson and perhaps make it easier for him later on in life if he knew that he had to stand back of his own careless actions himself. Molly has queer ideas."

"It's funny to me where Ruth's white jumper is which goes with her blue dress! I've looked all over this house about a dozen times. I suppose it's hidden away somewhere. Things do get so mislaid here. Seems to me as though I were hunting for things half the time!"

"What! You think it might be saving of time in the end if I kept every corner in the same state of tidiness that Molly does! Well, perhaps it would, but it takes time to do that too, and the easiest way seems best to me."

"You think her way is easiest? Well, perhaps it is! Sometimes I am inclined to think so myself. Only yesterday I was wondering about that. My Ruth and her Alice are both about fifteen. I have always taken care of Ruth's room for her because it seemed as though she had so much to do with her school work and her music and other things; but Molly has always required Alice to take care of her own room and to do it just so. She said it took lots of time in the beginning, but now she can do this for herself, and when her mother is busy, give her some assistance too."

"Dear me! I wish Ruth was as womanly as Alice. Ruth will argue and argue on every subject under the sun until I get so sick and tired I don't know what to do. Molly says that Alice would have been the same had she permitted it. But it doesn't seem possible to me. There's a difference in children!"

"Must you go? Well, I'm sorry! I have enjoyed having a visit with you so much. It's good to have the neighbors come 'n and hear how they are getting along. There's no use tying one's self down too closely. We are only going through the world once and we might as well enjoy ourselves, as we are on the way for the last time! It's the easiest way, don't you think so?"

"Good-bye, Come over again!"—Sel.

## Sinner's Page

### HAVE YOU ANY TIME FOR JESUS?

Have you any time for Jesus  
While the fleeting moments roll?  
To this mortal life so busy  
That He cannot save your soul?

Soon the summons from the portals  
To the mansions in the sky,  
May be sounding your departure;  
You must then take time to die.

Have you any time for Jesus?  
Can it be life's journey through,  
That you have no time to serve Him,  
Who has spent His life for you?

Time for business, time for pleasure,  
Time to revel on in sin.  
Will you not take time for Jesus?  
Oh, invite Him to come in.

If you have no time for Jesus,  
Ere you pass beyond the blue,  
In the resurrection morning  
He will have no time for you.

Sent in by Curtie Mooney, Cliffview, Va.

## Crushed By The Tempter

WHEN, some years ago, my evangelistic travels took me through the city of Chicago, I would at times stop at the Rodeheaver Publishing Company offices. On the occasion of one of these pauses I was offered the use of Charles H. Gabriel's studio, since he was not in the city, and there I was penciling a song.

"Are you a song writer? So'm I."

Engrossed in my work I had not noticed that a man, somewhat under the influence of liquor, had entered the room, until this question was asked.

"Yes, I occasionally write a song."

"What is your name?" asked the intruder, who had been attracted by the sound of music at the piano. I told him, and then inquired, "And what is yours?"

"Aw," with a grimace of displeasure, "I don't want to tell you."

The poor fellow though intoxicated was not too much so to be ashamed of himself, and he naturally hesitated to associate his name with his condition, for that name had a place in the music world.

But my curiosity was not so easily satisfied, and I suggested that he play for me one of his compositions. He drew up to the keyboard, and in a manner comporting with his condition managed to make his way through the chords of a much used gospel song.

"I have it!" I exclaimed, and spoke his name.

"I'm the fellow, and I guess I can't fool you."

We continued in conversation for some time. He became communicative, and gave me the story of some of his past experiences, of his interest in music and his love for song writing. He declared that even then some of the publishers were owing him for his compositions and were kindly keeping the price from him until he should quit liquor.

I asked him the cause of his falling away from the devotion to Christ that he had once known.

"My mother died," was his explanation, "and I was so broken up and so lonely that I weakened one day and took a bit of a drink, and it has led to this!"

Here was a sad sight indeed. This capable and talented man, not yet out of his thirties, could write the poem to which he would add beautiful music, creating a song that was in use in great tabernacle meetings, swaying multitudes of hearts; and yet he had been crushed by the tempter, a pitiful example of the power of sin.

I prayed with him. His heart was very tender and remorseful, and he was yearning for the old way of victory, and as he talked on and on of his regrets and lingering desires, he said:

"You know, there is one verse of a song that I believe is as true as anything that was ever written, and it is this,

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;

Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,

Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

"A bunch of us poor drunks were in the back room of a saloon late one night," he continued, "and we had had our drinks and were just lounging and talking. One of the fellows at the table that night suddenly straightened up and asked a question—'Men, if you could do the thing tonight that you would rather do than anything else in the world, what would it be?'"

"Well, sir, that set us all thinking! We were sobering up, and that helped it along. After a bit one of the men answered the question.

"'Boys,' he said, 'there is one thing I would rather do than anything else in the world. Before I got like this I used to wear a rose in my buttonhole. How I do love roses! But I wouldn't think of touching one while I am this way! If I could do the thing I should like to do I would be clean and sober and dressed up, and, then, men, I would wear a rose right there!' tapping the lapel of his old, dirty coat."

The conversation went along; the men did some more sober thinking, and one after another indicated that—

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore."

They were all under the spell of memories dear to their hearts. Another spoke up after a season of silence.

"Fellows, you think of me as an old bum without home or family. No sir, you're wrong. I have a wonderful wife and two children, a boy and a girl, sweet

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## Two Funerals

Strong impressions have been made upon the writer by two recent funerals that were widely separated geographically and vastly different in circumstances.

The first was that of a noble missionary, Esther Carson Winans, who died in South America. She was buried in a coffin that her own father had improvised from a soap box, on which was laid one small flower that her little boy had gathered, and her own husband conducted the funeral. But the sad story was intensely brightened by the hope which God's Word promises of a glorious meeting on the morning of the first resurrection.

The second was that of my own brother, who fell unexpectedly the victim to the wrath of an infuriated man, and died unsaved. He was buried in an expensive steel casket, which was covered with the most beautiful flowers, while scores of sympathizing friends stood by with tear-dimmed eyes. But the whole scene was darkened by the lowering clouds of black hopelessness which hung like an awful nightmare of an unspeakable and eternal gloom.

Fifteen years ago he was deeply convicted by the Holy Spirit. It seemed for a time that he might yield, but he did not. The years following his rejection of God have been spent in dissipation and sin, and how completely does his sad demise demonstrate that "the wages of sin is death"! He loved me, defended me when others opposed me, befriended and gave me assistance, but would not give his heart to God. We bow in submission to this act of Providence and willingly confess that God's ways are just and equal, but how depressing is such a tragedy! The minister tried in vain to cheer our gloom. I shall never forget the awful wail of my broken-hearted mother, who totters beneath the weight of seventy-four years, "My Lord! shall I never see my boy's face again?" I held her up and tried to encourage her while she wept out her burden over his cold form, but how empty are words in such an hour! A few minutes later the casket was closed and he was lowered, as it seems all too certain, into a Christless grave to await a Christless resurrection. With a broken, bleeding heart I turned from the melancholy scene to Him who has been my comfort and stay for fifteen years and said, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."—Herald of Holiness.



## Helps For Tempted & Tried

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground."—John 8:7, 8.

### The Prodigal Daughter

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy,  
Who was caught in sin's mad whirl;  
We welcome him home with songs of joy—  
But what of the prodigal girl?

For the prodigal boy there's an open door,  
And a father's bounteous fare;  
Though he is wretched, sick, and poor,  
He is sure of a welcome there.

But what of the girl who has gone astray,  
Who has lost in the battle with sin?  
Say, do we forgive in the same sweet way  
We've always forgiven him?

Does the door stand ajar as if to say,  
"Come, enter, you need not fear;  
I've been open thus since you went away,  
Now close to the second year."

Oh, Christ! It seems we have never  
learned  
The lesson taught in the sand;  
For even yet is the same woman spurned  
And stoned in a Christian land.

We all have a heart for the prodigal boy,  
Who was caught in sin's mad whirl;  
We welcome him home with songs of joy,  
But what of the prodigal girl?

### Woman's Inhumanity To Woman

THE STORY OF A FALLEN WOMAN WHO "LISTENED IN" TO A  
RADIO SERMON

MINISTERS who broadcast their sermons receive many letters from hearers who, for various reasons, stay away from the churches and yet are eager to hear Christian messages because of their great need of help. One reason that keeps many away is that they feel compelled to keep their identity concealed. And why keep it concealed? In order to shield other innocent persons who would be made to suffer, even by church men and church women—particularly women—if the former life and family connection of the "sinner" were to become generally known.

Here is a story of that kind. It is furnished by a well-known minister who regularly broadcasts and the original letter has been shown to the editor that he might know that the tale is authentic. Of course, names cannot be given—indeed the real name of the writer of the letter is unknown—and even the place of the minister's labors cannot be told; but the reader may be sure that here is a story from real life.

A young woman seeking to earn her own living, in the days before prohibition, came to a certain northern city seeking work. She found an opening through a train conductor—father of four children—who had influence with a certain "landlady" who conducted a house in a respectable neighborhood. But the house turned out to be a resort of more than questionable character. The "position" was, indeed, that of a "maid," as had been promised, but it was a "beer-maid," whose duty it was to serve the men who visited the resort.

It was not long before she was surprised one evening while serving the visitors to hear her real name called

and found herself facing "a boyhood pal who had been very nice to me at school." She swore him to secrecy, that her associations might not become known to her mother. At this point may be taken up her own letter, written years after to the minister who, in his broadcast sermon, asked the question, "What would happen to a woman of easy virtue if she did undertake to live a pure life?" Here is what did happen, according to personal testimony, in the case of one such woman who, having yielded, struggled to prevent her straying from becoming known to the mother she loved:

"He used to see me two or three times a week and finally persuaded me to 'marry' him according to the rule of those places—which meant calling the girls up to the bar and throwing a bill down for drinks for the house, and announcing him as my man. Then I continued to act as bar-maid and he came to live in my room." Soon after he suggested that she give up her job and become one of the inmates of the resort. "I rebelled and he told me he would tell my folks I had been there all the time anyway. Oh, the pain of that awakening! To have the man who professed to love me tell me it was all a game and that if I didn't play fair he'd tell my mother! The one who still believed in me! Rather the tortures of hell than that! So on Saturday I turned over the keys of the ice-box and moved to a more luxurious room on the floor below.

"From then on my life was a nightmare of beatings and threats unless I'd give him more money. I tried to go away, but he followed, and still the same awful threats. One night in September the man who had sent me there came in, and with

a man with smiling eyes and a face like an open book. I'll never forget that introduction: "Tuxedo (my nickname), this is a good friend of mine. I want you to be nice to him." As he came to take me to a dance . . . I felt almost ashamed for the first time since I had come there. My slipping into that life was not for material things for myself, but to keep my name pure to my mother. But to go on: After a few hours in this man's company he asked me to get leave to go up town and spend the night. This was granted. On the third day he asked me to marry him. I laughed and said, 'Oh, you don't want a woman like me; you deserve a good woman.' 'But you are a good woman,' he replied, 'you don't drink, swear or smoke and I'll help you all I can.'

"So we were married. Then we went back to the house to get my trunk and settle my bill. The landlady was wonderful. She told me she knew I'd make good and that if I ever needed a friend to call on her. . . . We rented a flat and bought a few pieces of furniture and, oh, how happy I was! Occasionally I'd see one of the girls up town or would get lonely and call on the phone. They all missed me and said I could come back any time. But I didn't want to go back. I was busy fixing up my 'love-nest' as we used to call it. The lady next to me used to run in with a plate of rolls or a pot of beans and would show me how to sew the curtains; but when she asked one day, where did you live before you came here?" I nearly choked on a mouthful of salad. ' . . . ' I said. She saw I didn't want to talk, so let it go at that.

"One day I heard them practicing for Christmas day program at \* \* \* Ave. Church. I could see the home town church and all the things I had shared in, and a feeling of nausea came over me. Had I given up my right to share in those things? A voice seemed to say, 'No; even though your sins be as scarlet I will wash them white as snow.' So, resting in this assurance, I went to church and was soon singing as lustily as I did in my childhood. And does it not seem strange that I remembered all the beautiful songs and could get so much joy in singing them? I went home after a cheery greeting from Mr. . . . , who was then pastor there. I had been in the flat but a few minutes when the phone rang and a woman's voice denounced me in all the venomous terms invented by man. Oh, the irony of such Christianity—to stand by me and hold a hymn book and then, because a man who had seen me in the place had told her and warned her not to associate with me!

"God must have wanted to test my strength, for I admit I was sorely tempted to give up and go back. But my husband came in from a run just then and he soothed me and nurtured that little spark of decency that was left; for I was wallowing in the Slough of Despond and without him would not have had the strength to resist. Oh, you decent women, who have lived sheltered lives, do not forget that it is all recorded in the

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## Missionary Page

ALL Heaven is intensely busy. Every door is open. They are calling us from neglected Annam, from far-off Tibet, from awakening Korea, and from bright and beautiful Japan. . . . God seems to sob out the bitter cry, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"—A. B. Simpson.

"It has been on my heart for several weeks to tell you how beautifully the Lord has been answering prayer for my mission field."

"Your mission field, Nellie, whatever do you mean? To my certain knowledge you have never been out of this country."

"That is quite true, but I am a missionary, nevertheless."

"Tell me, Nellie, how and when you

### Golden Gooseberries

#### A TRUE MISSIONARY INCIDENT

find out all I could about them, but I soon discovered there was very little to find. I heard of some missionaries who were living on the border of Tibet, and from them managed to get a little information occasionally. I have asked all the missionaries I have met—and you know I have met a great many—"Can you tell me anything about Tibet?" But they all shook their heads and said, 'It's a very hard field.'

"Year after year rolled by, and I kept on praying for Tibet; for the Lord continued to give me His own Word to stand upon. Still I often wondered, would the time ever come, before the Lord's return, when any missionary would go out there and tell the Tibetans about Jesus. Such thoughts as these came over me at times like waves, and a voice would whisper in my ear, 'You had better give it all up. It is of no use for you to pray. You have continued praying all these years, and nothing has been done. There is no movement whatever. You are not even able to get people interested in Tibet.'

"At such trying moments as these God's Word would come to my heart just like a flash of light and life, and I felt encouraged to go on again. Whenever I had a chance to speak at any missionary meeting, I was glad to embrace the opportunity. Some one asked me once, after I had been speaking, whether I was ever going to tell them anything different about Tibet, and I answered, 'Yes; God will give me another story to tell you some day. Until that time comes, I must continue watching and waiting, for I know in my heart that the gates of brass will give way, and the King of glory will go through them into Tibet.' So the years passed on.

"In the summer of 1912, I was expected to speak in a missionary meeting. Two or three months before this meeting took place, I heard of two young missionaries having crossed over the border into Tibet; and I was told they were asking for a mission work to be established there. Oh, how I wished it were time to speak at that missionary meeting! I had now gotten something definite to tell, and I thought the people would be stirred up as they never had been before. But some weeks must elapse before the meeting was due, so I praised the Lord in my heart and quietly waited. To my amazement, a change came over my beautiful feelings. Just one week before the missionary day arrived, all the joy and gladness and liberty seemed to go out of my heart, and darkness and gloom and weariness and the old bondage tried persistently to enter. It came over me in waves and clouds; but I waited steadfastly before the Lord, and, in spite of all this, He kept me in peace and rest of soul. But there was a real fight of faith going on and a steady looking

unto Jesus every moment, which continued during the whole of that strange week. The night before the missionary meeting, when I retired to my bedroom, I just poured out all my soul before the Lord; and there seemed nothing else to do but to have a good cry. I had a real good cry and got into bed and went to sleep and dreamed. I dreamed I saw a gooseberry tree. As I stood gazing at it, a voice said, 'Look at that tree!'

"I replied, 'Yes, I am looking, and I see nothing on it but long prickles, and not many leaves.'

"The same voice said, 'Wait until I lift up the branches, and then look.'

"I now recognized who it was that was speaking to me, so I stood still and looked; and when He lifted the branches, every branch was full of the most lovely golden gooseberries. Then the same One told me to trust Him, and there should yet be a rich harvest of souls from Tibet. 'They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.'—Psa. 126:6.

"With all my soul I wanted sheaves from Tibet, and with all my soul I wanted money as well. Until this time, I had never had a penny given to me for Tibet. But I firmly believed my dream was from God, and would come to pass. I told the Lord I would not tell the dream at the missionary meeting, but would wait and see how He would send in the needed money. The Lord made me understand this was all right. The following day, when I went to the meeting, I had a bad headache, and felt empty. I was asked to speak first, so I told my story; but the people did not seem very much interested. Another speaker followed me, and he spoke well. Then we had a time of prayer for different missions. Many led in prayer, but no one said one word about Tibet. As I walked home from that meeting I groaned in myself, and the enemy said to me, in a mocking tone, 'Well, you have missed it, and made a mess of it. What is the use of it all? Give it all up; no one cares.' Then the Spirit of the Lord encouraged me with that wonderful missionary outburst in Psa. 126. So I dried all my tears, and praised the Lord.

There was another meeting in the evening, at which I was not able to be present; but when the family came home, Grandma said to me, 'You must have talked well this afternoon, Nellie, for I have had a sovereign given to me for your mission.'

"Is it a real sovereign," I said, 'or is it two half-sovereigns?'

"It's all in one piece," said Grandma, 'a real sovereign.'

"I shouted out, 'Alleluia. Here is my first golden gooseberry.'

"With one breath they exclaimed, 'Whatever do you mean, Nellie?' 'When we sit down to supper I will tell you something,' I answered. Up to this time I had not told any one about my dream.

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#### AT EASE IN ZION

##### AT EASE—

When countless thousands grope  
In blackness of sin's night and without hope,

When, if the Word of Truth were spoke,  
They, too, might live?

##### AT EASE—

With comforts round on every hand,  
The richest blessings of the land,  
When Christ had not a place to stand,  
Nor where to lay His head?

##### AT EASE—

In midst of sin and shame,  
Where men know even not the name  
Of Him who from the Father came  
Abundant life to give?

At ease? At ease in Zion,  
Now as in the days of old  
When God's true prophet spoke  
In words both stern and bold,  
Of sin, repentance, judgment, all?

Pray, God forbid, that we should be at ease,

The only thought of self to please,  
With sin and sorrow and disease  
So rampant in the land!  
The Christ was not at ease  
In temple court, or Herod's hall,  
Or on dread Calvary's hill;  
Nor can disciples true today  
Who seek to know and to do His will;  
All life, all history echo back the prophet's pleas,

"Woe, woe to them that are at ease."

—Selected.

entered on the career of a missionary?"

"I will gladly do so. The 'call' came to me in this way. Between seventeen and eighteen years ago our Lord gave me the dark land of Tibet to care and pray for, and I entered into a covenant with Him then for the people of that land. Also I began to read books about the Tibetans and their land; I wanted to

## The Inner Circle Page

### SOW, SERVANTS

Sow, servant—freely sow,  
Thy Lord is looking on.  
Sow in the morning's early glow,  
And till the day is gone.

The need is dire and great—  
Man walks the path of sin.  
O, hasten ere it be too late!  
To welcome sinners in.

The Judge is at the door—  
His stroke about to fall.  
Glad mercy's day shall then be o'er

Soon ends the Gospel call.

Then sound aloud the call—  
Peal forth the faithful Word.  
Before God's heavy judgments fall  
May many yet be stirred.

Do thy part faithfully  
In sowing wide the seed.  
Work earnestly and patiently  
Tho' men despise nor heed.

The fruitage of thy toil  
Christ's judgment seat shall show  
Heaven shall reap a richer spoil  
Because thou here dost sow.—Sel.

**A**N editor of one of our recent papers closed an article with the sentence:

"It takes a lifetime to build up a good reputation; it may be lost in a moment." Where this writer left off, we will begin. It is worth while to "watch your step." A strong healthful body, vigorous and alert may be injured for life by a single mis-step, or an accident may occur which will entail months of suffering and permanent injury—all because of a single mis-step.

In talking some years ago with one who had erred in his life with a single misdeed, and brought criticism and disgrace upon himself and his whole family, he replied: "It is not fair; here I have lived a consistent upright life for twenty-five years in this community, and a single unpremeditated, impulsive act throws me out utterly, impairs the chances of my children and apparently ruins my home."

Although his word is rather strong, and his cry of anguish evident, there is much truth in what he said. We cannot be too careful in taking every step of the way. A fall is not occasioned by several mis-steps, but by a single mis-step, and life is, after all, a pathway, and most men walk.

There are many ways of falling: one may slip, stumble, may be knocked down by another; and if it is dark, it is far more difficult to walk without accident. Of course, we take for granted that accidents do not of necessity happen. A man may walk a lifetime without falling or injuring himself, but how fully the records of accident insurance companies and hospitals show how the unexpected happens, and how serious the results may be.

That which we consider in a material sense should be felt doubly in the moral life, and a man must guard his step carefully and constantly.

Little children have parental guidance and strong arms near them to catch them if they stumble or fall. This is usually

### Watch Your Step!

when they are learning to walk, and when they are in the immature years which need constant watchfulness. Later the child, older, stands on his own feet and goes his own way. If he walks properly and avoids accident, the world takes no notice of him, except to accept his moral life and progress; but if he stumbles or falls, attention is quickly aroused and the world notices, inquires and talks.

Moral failings and falls are the cause of comment even more than physical. They shock a deep sense; they are less expected. As we grow older, the temptation is an increasing rather than a decreasing one. This may partly be due to the natural opposition which men have to the monotonies of life as one grows older. Ambitions and energies lessen alertness; life seems to lose some of its peculiar and effective energy; things are taken for granted.

A man does not square his shoulders for the strife. He considers himself out of danger. Habit seems to be a synonym of character, and he relies too much upon human strength. Just as a weak link makes an otherwise strong chain valueless, so a flaw or weakness in character renders a life inefficient. Men say, "He is all right, but—" That single expression loses the day—he has slipped; he has fallen, when men have expected him to be straight and to "watch his step."

It is a little more difficult to keep our step today when the tension of life is so strong; when unconsciously we are hastening and hurrying about our daily tasks; when we are thinking about the many things to be done instead of the way we are walking; when we are looking at the goal rather than to each foot-step; when on all sides people are running past us; when there is so much carelessness in thought, word and action; when the ambulance stands almost at the curb to pick a man up when he falls; when promiscuous excuses are made for those who do stumble, and when definitions and standards seem to have lost

something of their accurate meaning. It is hard to "watch your step" under these conditions, but just now the world needs this watchfulness and care.

The Master said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." It is easier for us to watch our step when we keep step with him. The popular modern hymn, "And he walks with me and he talks with me" has a place in the present daily life of the Christian if we are to "watch our step."—Selected.

### DO YOU LEAD OR FOLLOW

Do you ever start things? Few people do. Most people who are industrious wait until somebody else begins, then they follow. Initiative is doing what needs to be done without being told. Those who have initiative, who do things first, and without being told, are constructive thinkers and decisive actors.

Constructive thinking, plus desire to do, plus action, equals results. The lazy man, the ambitionless man, the man who lacks convictions and confidence, has no initiative. Then there's the man who is afraid. God pity the coward! There's nothing in the whole wide world to be afraid of—the man who is afraid never starts anything nor ends anything. Initiative pays; it's dollars in the pocket of the man who has it. A part of the man's wages who has to be constantly told what to do and how to do it goes to an overseer. Do the thing yourself and you won't need an overseer. The only question is, "Can the thing be done?" If decided in the affirmative, then do it. Preparedness, decision and action will get things done.

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In one of his Quiet Talk Books, S. D. Gordon tells the following story:

"A prominent clergyman in New England tells this experience of his. In the course of his pastoral work he was called to conduct the funeral service of a young woman who had died quite unexpectedly. As he entered the house he met the minister in charge of the mission church, where the family attended, and asked him, 'Was Mary a Christian? To his surprise a pained look came into the young man's face as he replied, 'Three weeks ago I had a strong impulse to speak to her, but I did not; and I do not know.'

"A moment later he met the girl's Sunday School teacher and asked her the same question. Quickly the tears came, as she said, 'Two weeks ago, doctor, a voice seemed to say to me, 'Speak to Mary,' and I knew what it meant, and I intended to, but I did not, and I do not know.'

"Deeply moved by these unexpected answers, a few minutes later he met the girl's mother, and thinking doubtless to give her an opportunity to speak a word that would bring comfort to her own heart, he said quickly, 'Mary was a Christian girl?' The tears came quick and hot to the mother's eyes as she sobbed out, 'One week ago a voice came to me saying, 'Speak to Mary,' and I thought of it, but I did not do it at the time, and you know how unexpectedly she went away, and I do not know.'



# Children's Page

## A Little Messenger For God

By C. B. CLARK

"Richard, I think you had better do something with your chrysanthemums. Jack Frost may get them almost any night now."

"All right," said Richard, "I'll take them to the Burgin hospital this very afternoon." After lunch Richard cut the beautiful blossoms. They filled his arms, the flowers were so large. They almost covered the little boy.

Off he hurried to be in time for the visiting hour. The nurse showed Richard from room to room where poor sick folks lay stretched on cots. They smiled at sight of the lovely blossoms. Nurse showed Richard into a small private room at the end of the hall. Here he found a fine gentleman with soft brown hair over a fine white brow. "My, he's awful sick," thought Richard. The man smiled at sight of Richard and said, "Come in. Come in. I am so happy to see a child."

"Are you going to get well?" asked Richard.

"It is doubtful, my little boy."

"Well," went on Richard, "I think it must be nice to go up to Jesus, beside the Father. I'm going some day, 'cause my sins are all forgiven, washed away in

the Blood. Do you know that story?"

"Yes," said the gentleman, "I've heard the story, but I never believed it. I don't believe the Bible." Richard was shocked. "Oh, I do. Everything that Book says is true. I used to be bad and naughty, but I asked God to forgive me and make me a good boy, and He did. He'll make you good, too, if you ask Him."

The simplicity of the child touched the man's heart. "Jesus won't hear me because I'm bad. Please ask Him for me."

Richard needed no further invitation. He dropped to his knees. "Heavenly Father, here is a man that don't believe your Bible, but he ought to. He is sick and is going to die. Please help him to believe, and make him sorry and forgive him for all his sins and take him to Heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

"Now you must say, 'Amen,' 'cause the prayer is your prayer that I prayed for you." Tears were in the man's eyes. "I'm glad you are sorry, 'cause Jesus will forgive you—if you are truly sorry."

Before Richard left, the man was changed. "Do you believe the Bible now?" asked Richard.

"Yes, I will, little friend, I will with all my heart. Thank you for coming."

### BIBLE LESSONS

#### GOD'S PROMISE

By Hattie Utz

If you will turn to Genesis 28 you will find the story of Jacob's wonderful dream. He heard God speaking to him and promising to be with him. That promise is just as good for us today as it was for Jacob. No one need ever be afraid when God is with him—no little boy or girl—for the heavenly Father loves us and cares for us, and many times keeps us from evil, when we are forgetful of Him and His wonderful promise to care for us.

From the bright blue heavens,  
With the angels mild,  
God, our loving Father,  
Looks on every child;  
Lovingly He listens  
To each little prayer,  
Watches every footstep  
With a Father's care.

With a father's kindness  
Gives him daily bread;  
Shields from every danger  
Every little head.  
Tell all little children  
Of this Father true,  
Who will ne'er forsake them  
If His will they do.

Memory work: Gen. 28:15; Gen. 12:1-3; Psa. 17:8; Matt. 28:20; 1 Peter 5:7.

#### A SWARM OF BEES

We are bringing a big swarm of bees to you and they are holy bees that will be good for us to get acquainted with.

We bring a swarm of bees  
Which is ever on the wing;  
They are always full of honey  
But haven't any sting.

We're very sure you'll like them  
And enjoy their honey too,  
For we found them in the Bible  
And they tell us what to do.

And if you look around you  
Their work one plainly sees,  
For the good old precious Bible  
Is a regular swarm of "Bees."

#### MEMORY WORK:—

Be willing, Isa. 1:19.  
Be ye holy, 1 Peter 1:16.  
Be an example, 1 Tim. 4:12.  
Be not weary, 2 Thess. 3:13.  
Be not shaken, 2 Thess. 2:2.  
Be careful, Phil. 4:6.  
Be followers, Phil. 3:17.  
Be of good courage, Psa. 27:14.  
Be of the same mind, Rom. 12:16.  
Be ye kind, Eph. 4:32.  
Be not deceived, 1 Cor. 15:33.  
Be ye steadfast, 1 Cor. 15:58.  
Be of good cheer, John 16:33.  
Be zealous, Gal. 4:18.  
Be ye doers, James 1:22.

Be thou faithful, Rev. 2:10.  
Be filled, Col. 1:9.  
Be spiritually minded, Rom. 8:6.

#### PLEASING JESUS

Memory work: Matt. 16:13-24.

One day after Jesus had been going around from one place to another, teaching the people about God and helping them in many ways, He asked His disciples this question, "What do you say that I am?" Peter at once answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Peter could not have said anything which would have pleased Jesus more than these words did. Jesus said to him, "Blessed art thou Simon Peter; no person has told you this but my Father who is in heaven." These words of Peter tell us just what Christ wants each one of us to feel in our hearts and to tell others, but if we only say them with our lips and do not feel them enough in our hearts to do everything that Jesus wants us to do, we can not please Him.

#### SOWING AND REAPING

This is a subject which is very necessary for every one to know about, for there will be a reaping day for us all and we surely do need to sow the right kind of seed. The people who fail to prepare their ground and sow good seed can never reap a good crop. The ground needs to be cleaned of rubbish and burnt off if necessary, then plowed and the ground worked down fine. Good seed is selected and planted. Of course that is just the beginning for there is lots of hard work to keep out the weeds so they can gather in the grain at the harvest time. This is the natural sowing for physical needs, but the most important is for our spiritual life. Our life will close and if we have sown seeds of the flesh we will reap of the flesh, but we can sow righteous seed and reap eternal life. Gal. 6:7.

Learn the parable of the sower as given in Matt. 13:6-9 and the meaning that Jesus gave in Matt. 13:18-23. Our heart is the ground in which the seed is sown, so may every one receive the Word of the Lord and bring forth an abundant harvest for Jesus.

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the "roots,"  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the "fruits,"  
Love is the bright sunshine  
That warms into life,  
For only in darkness  
Can there be any strife.

Stewards of life know the best regulations for safeguarding and improving life and all its talents.

The church does its best to give to all, willing to work, a chance to be trained for better workmanship.

Stewardship of life calls for living with God and working for Him.

Natural talents are to be cultivated for larger service for Christ.

A test of stewardship—to be able to put in your autobiography the story of faithful service to Christ.

## Exchange Page

Below is a letter from one of our Y. P. E. workers at Gadsden, Ala. We are glad to hear of their success and of the good work our young State Superintendent, Brother Colon Dunn, is doing. May the Lord continue to bless. We are glad to hear of the good work other states are doing and of the increasing interest in Y. P. E. work. Sister Rhenetta speaks of the children's work. We are always glad to hear of interest in the children. We are giving the name and place to secure a book on children's work which we think is the best we have ever seen. Each Y. P. E. should get this book for the leader of your children's work. We cannot put everything we need in the young people's department in the Evangel on account of space. To limit our children's lesson to one page means they cannot be developed as well as we would like. We do appreciate Sister Trim's and Sister Hattie Utz's work and wish we could give them more space. However, we believe these lessons and the book mentioned will work in together fine. The title of this book is "Children's Meetings" and can be obtained from the Church of God Publishing House, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn. We hope we may hear from many other Y. P. E's. and that our exchange page will be filled with good suggestions. We are republishing the "Half Dozen Contest" from the Lighted Pathway of June 1931 referred to by Miss Rickles, sent in by Vivian Haworth. We trust you will all use it and make a great increase in your Y. P. E.

Every Y. P. E. should have a good sized blackboard made for use in their meetings. There are many things you desire to learn which can be written on the blackboard. Perhaps you desire to teach your young people a song, or something else of importance, or an object lesson which you can impress more deeply upon them by the use of the board. You especially need it along with the children's book we have suggested. You will likely have some one in your church who will make this at small cost. Let us hear from your Y. P. E. work.—Editor.

Dear Editor:

At the present our Y. P. E. is doing fine. Before Christmas it seemed to go down as there was lots of sickness and bad weather. Brother Colon Dunn has been with us for the past few weeks and has gotten us on the right track again. We now have about eighty members, who attend regularly. We hold prayer meeting four nights out of every week and the Lord is blessing wonderfully.

The Y. P. E. department is as good as ever and we could hardly do without it as we get most of our programs from it.

Sister Harrison, we have just organized a Junior Y. P. E. and I wonder if you could suggest something for a program that would create an interest. We

use the children's page in the "Evangel" but this does not seem to be enough.

We are planning to use the attendance contest you published some time ago and believe if it is carried out right, it will increase the attendance of our Y. P. E. in a short time. — Yours for better Y. P. E's, Rhennetta Rickles, Sec.-Treas.

### A HALF DOZEN CONTEST

Vivian Haworth

I think the following poem would be fine to be used in a Y. P. E. contest for new members. Of course there are different ways to have a contest but I believe the following suggestion might help some:

See that each member of the Y. P. E. has a copy of the following poem to hang on the wall at his home or somewhere in safekeeping. Have a limited time for the contest, not over three months, and not less than one month. As you gain a new member place their name on the blank lines in the poem and also turn the name in to the secretary. When you have gained six new members, and have all their names in the poem, give the poem to the president to keep until the contest is ended. The secretary should record the names of each winner also. At the end of the contest all those who have handed in the poem containing names of six new members are the winners.

As you gain new members give them a neat copy also and ask them to enter the contest. See how much this will build up the Y. P. E.

It should be considered that the losers will treat the winners with some good eats for their successful efforts. Of course the losers would be expected to get a part also, for surely they at least tried. At any rate the losers should be willing to furnish the eats. Yes, work hard for ice cream, but most of all for NEW MEMBERS!

The poem follows:

Six new members?

That will mean some drive!

Well ..... is joining;

Cuts me down to five.

Five new members!

But where'll I look for more?

Jolly! ..... is coming;

Down I come to four.

Four new members!

They'll be hard to see!

If here isn't .....

Landing me at three.

Three new members!

Whatever shall I do?

Will you really, ..... ?

Then that leaves but two.

Two new members!

Finding them's no fun!  
Great! ..... is in the bunch  
And now I've only one.

One new member!

What if I have to stop?

Hurrah! ..... will put me  
Clean 'over the top'.—Sel.

### GOOD CHEER COMMITTEE

By Vivian Haworth

Do you have a Good Cheer Committee in your Y. P. E.? If not, you should at once appoint this committee. Select those young people who are live wires, cheerful, and have the interest of the Endeavor at heart. A good song leader, a pianist, two or three with stringed instruments, about two more good singers (try to work in parts for a quartet if possible) and the chairman who should take the lead, introducing the committee where the visits are made. They should learn several songs that would be cheerful to the sick, aged, discouraged, bereaved, etc. Many people can be reached by this "Good Cheer Committee" and it may be the means of building up your Y. P. E. and even the church. Don't be selfish and visit only the members of your church. Visit other people as well if you have opportunity. The chairman should investigate the circumstances of each place and make arrangements for the visit, and then prepare songs suitable for the visit. Don't forget the jails and the hospitals. Be sure and don't have too many in the committee. Sometimes it may not be necessary for all to go. If possible prepare a good quartet, duet, etc., occasionally. It would be good for the Y. P. E. to donate a basket of fruit sometime, which the "Good Cheer Committee" can deliver to some invalid or shut-in, with a card thus: "From the Church of God Y. P. E., by Good Cheer Committee" or a little surprise gift from each member. None of these are expensive, but oh the sunshine it would bring to someone and the lasting good it will accomplish! Let us "scatter sunshine."

### C. OF G. Y. P. E. SONG

(May be sung to the music of No. 36 in "Heralds of Heaven" song book).

I'm a member of a band  
That is bound for glory land.  
'Tis the C. of G. Y. P. E.  
Let us save our boys and girls  
From sin's miry pits and whirls  
So with Jesus they'll ever be.

#### CHORUS

'Tis the C. of G. Y. P. E.  
'Tis a blessing to you and me.  
Soon our work will be o'er  
And we'll sing on that glad shore,  
If we've worked for the Y. P. E.

Let's work for our Endeavor,  
True to it be forever,  
Until Jesus in heav'n we see.  
We will tell it far and wide,  
And with Christ be crucified,  
And be blest by the Y. P. E.  
—By Mrs. Floyd O'Bannon, Jasper, Fla.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
*Bible Lessons*

## LESSON ONE

**Finding Our Possibilities**

Text: John 1:46. \* \* \* Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? \* \* \*

By the Editor

**THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER**

From the reading of the Scripture we find that Nazareth, the earthly home of our Savior, had a bad reputation. It was away off in Galilee where only the more ignorant and unpromising of the people lived. To city people and people of culture and fashion it seemed a most out-of-the-way spot. No one ever expected any great character to come from such surroundings. So it is with a great many communities in our country today. But from those backward communities have come some of our most useful characters. In Nazareth a little boy grew up, the greatest that has ever lived in this world. In a general way people of the village knew Him favorably. His home circle wondered at Him. One day when that little boy had grown to full manhood He stepped out to meet the world. He taught, He labored, He lived, and lo, out of Nazareth had come so good a thing that His power filled the earth, and men were inspired to the loftiest sentiments and to the bravest deeds by Him. And through Him came the redemption of the whole world. That little unnoticed village indeed had possibilities no one had ever dreamed of.

From Nazareth?

A pretty little town,  
Yet scarcely one from which the prophets rise,  
'Tis not so thought of by the learned and wise,  
Yet Philip asks us still to  
"Come and see."

The Carpenter?

We know His brethren well,  
And we have also heard about His fame,  
But hardly true, we know from whence He came,  
And yet these rumors bid us  
"Come and see."

Some Fishermen?

What can they hope to do?  
The learned scribes will make short work of them,  
For they are ignorant and unlearned men.

Yet history invites us:

Read and see!

The Son of God!  
The skeptics long have tried  
To take from Him His sacred deity,  
Yet He will be God's Son eternally—  
And He invites you, skeptic,  
Come and see!

—Sel.

**THE HELDEBERGS**

A number of miles back of Albany, N. Y. there is a range of mountainous hills called the Heldebergs. Here dwell "the hillers," as the people on the more level farms contemptuously call those whose homes are among the rougher and rockier lands. The "hillers" are supposed to be of no account. From this community came a man who for a score of years sat upon the Supreme Court bench of the U. S. at Washington and had part in some of the most beneficent and far reaching actions that that supreme court has ever decided. There is not a place wherever it be, that has not amazing possibilities of influencing human life. A man may dwell in the remotest wilderness, but if he is a great thinker or a man of prayer, there will be a beaten path to his door. It may be that our possibilities will not lead us out in doing great things which will herald our names to the ends of the earth, but it may be that we are to do the small things which, when all put together, will lead on to great possibilities. Although we may not get the praise on this earth we shall receive a crown of life which fadeth not away in the next.

**THE TOWN OF ANDOVER, MASS.**

We want to make mention of the little town of Andover, Mass. All about it are bustling cities. In the year 1812 it had a mere handful of people and was of no consequence as compared to great Boston, a few miles away. When Andover Seminary was founded, such was the antipathy to it that it was doubtful whether a charter could be obtained from the Legislature. Who in scanning the towns and cities of the United States at that time, would have thought that any special possibility of influencing the world existed in Andover? But in the house of one man, a teacher, in that village, were born the ideas and plans whereby the first American Foreign Mission Society originated, and also the American Monthly Concert of Prayer for the world's conversion, and later the Concert of Prayer for Colleges, the American Tract Society and the first organized movement in the world founded on the plan of entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks.

**POSSIBILITIES OF YOUNG WOMEN**

We want to emphasize the fact that without Christ in the heart it is impossible for one to become a blessing to the soul of man. Men may be great inventors and bring great things for the human needs but there is no lasting good that does not benefit the soul and reach on out into eternity. With Christ in the heart there are possibilities for service on every hand. We want to make mention of the young girl who may through poverty and through lack of opportunity have failed to get an education. She sits down and pines because there is no possibilities for her to be useful in the world. There is no place in all the world where service is needed more than in the homes of some of our wealthy society people where there are children to nurse and care for. Mother is gone most of the

time and you have the privilege of moulding young lives for the Master. Don't say there are no possibilities in your life.

Again and again the pages of history tell us that women have entered palatial homes as nurses, and menial as their duties seemed and circumscribed as their opportunities for influence appeared, they have so moulded the young hearts entrusted to their care that when the children grew up, they have been benefactors of the human race. Such nurses have often overcome the debilitating and worldly atmosphere of the family itself, and made the boys and girls strong and spiritual. Later they have gone into the world to correct evil tendencies and stand for a noble type of manhood and womanhood. It was a nurse that thus found her possibilities and made Shaftesbury what he was. "The history of the working classes in this century," said the present Prime Minister of England, "is very largely the history of one man's life—that of Shaftesbury."

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

John the Baptist an humble man from the wilderness, clothed in camel's hair and who fed on locusts and wild honey is a splendid example of the possibilities of those in obscure places. Why did not this man come from Jerusalem? Our country and mountain districts have been the starting places of some of the great movements for the blessing of humanity, like fresh air projects and seaside and mountain homes for needy children. Some of our fine schools are located in the mountain districts and are turning out some of the great characters of our day. It is with persons, however, rather than with places that we are to associate this idea of finding our possibilities. What a great joy it is for one to find that in him there lies possibilities of being a blessing to the world in which he lives.

**PERSONAL WORK FOR CHRIST**

Harlan Page was a merchant in New York City. The question with him was, What could a busy man do for the world's good? What were his possibilities outside of making money for himself and his home? He saw how many people there were to whom no one ever spoke a personal word about their soul's salvation. He resolved that he would speak to as many as he could, or write to them. He sought them in their homes and in their offices, he met them on the streets and walked with them, he sent them direct and persuasive letters when he could not reach them otherwise. It did good, great good, and scores upon scores of people came forth under his influence as avowed and worthy Christians. Like him, another, a Sunday School teacher, a business man too, followed the individual members of his classes, praying for them and with them, giving them his heart's interest, until he saw over one hundred and fifty young men and young women give themselves to Christ.

**HOW CAN WE FIND OUR OWN POSSIBILITIES?**

We must believe we were created for a purpose. That belief we must hold on



to as long as we live. God had an end in view which He expects us to meet. We have a particular mission to fill and the best way to find it is by beginning to do whatsoever our hands find to do and as we are busy with our duties God can reveal to us what our possibilities are.

It is by doing things we find what we are best fitted for. We must not get discouraged. Let people despise us as they once despised Nazareth, and say that no good thing can come out of our lives. Just holding on to our conviction realizing that God has a distinct work for us to do will help us to find it by His help.

A certain woman went into a revival to help in the meeting. She asked the preacher what he would have her do. He put her to taking care of the tent, doing the dusting and keeping the tent clean. She did it joyfully. From that meeting God led her out into a great evangelistic field. It takes willingness to work at anything in order to find our possibilities.

This belief that there are possibilities in our lives must be kept in mind. Care must not drive it away. Frivolity must not dissipate it. Whether odium or flatteries is ours still keep in mind our possibilities. Eyes and ears must be open. We must watch and pray. We must plod on in the face of difficulties. Endurance is more effective than brilliancy. The

men and women who never give up are those who bless the world.

#### THE POSSIBILITIES ARE IN HIM

Whatever the difficulty may be, the possibilities are there; Paul saw them in Jesus Christ; not only the possibility to enlarge and attain a clearer vision of the Master, but the possibility for others. When General Booth wanted to send a message to the Salvation Army around the world, he summed it all up in one word, "OTHERS."

This is true Christianity. Paul saw others; he saw the possibilities in Jesus Christ for others. To him the world was one great harvest field to reap it. Every soul was a field for the Master.

Then, if we will let God open our eyes, refusing to allow the enemy or opposition to discourage us, we will see souls saved everywhere; it matters not who they are or where they are. The potter's possibilities are in the clay that he receives, but not so with the Divine Potter. No matter how marred the clay may be, nor how rough, He is able to cleanse and mold and refine it until He can see His very own image and make the world acknowledge that He is a real Potter and Master Artist. For "he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

## CHRIST OUR HOPE

Editor's Note: A lesson like this can be made very interesting and helpful if the leader is wide awake and if he or she has a wide awake Y. P. E. who will look up the scriptures and study to bring out good thoughts on their subjects. It is not always best to have all our comments written out by the one who prepares the lesson, because the only thing many of our young people do is to read the comment and sit down. This is not our intention. Our desire is to give you some thoughts to start you off, but we want you to think some for yourselves. We plan to give you some of each kind of lessons in the future. Each person on the program should make a thorough study of the whole lesson. In fact every interested young person should do so and be ready to comment on same even though they are not given a definite part. 2 Tim. 2:15.

### LESSON TWO

By Starling Smith  
Text: 1 Thess. 4

#### INTRODUCTION

After having been silent from writing for the Y. P. E. for some time, I feel disposed to prepare another lesson for the young people of the Church of God. I think of and pray much for their success in a Christian life. So I will give a brief outline with scriptures on the above subject.

#### I. CHRIST OUR HIDING PLACE:

1. From Wrath. John 3:36; Rom. 5:9.
2. From Sin. Acts 13:38, 39; Eph. 1:7.
3. From Temptation. 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9.
4. From Death. 1 Cor. 15:54-57. 2 Cor. 5:1.
5. From Judgment. John 3:18; 1 John 3:2, 3.

#### II. CHRIST'S BLOOD IS:

1. The sinner's redemption. 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.
2. The believer's justification. Rom. 5:6-9.
3. The cleanser from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

#### III. CHRIST'S COMING AGAIN OUR HOPE, 1 John 3:2, 3

#### IV. IN CHRIST:

1. We are new creatures. 2 Cor. 5:17.
2. We are sanctified. 1 Cor. 1:2.
3. We have peace. 1 Pet. 5:14.
4. We have hope. 1 Cor. 15:19.
5. We have liberty. Gal. 2:4.
6. We triumph. 2 Cor. 2:14.
7. We rise. 1 Thess. 4:16.

NOTE: Let this lesson be given out a week ahead to the group leaders and let each group leader give separately each subject to an individual member, and let them memorize the scripture bearing on their subject. Or let each one look up more scriptures to their subject and comment on same. Also distribute these illustrations for use in the meeting;

#### ILLUSTRATIONS

HOPE, in danger. As a man crossing a swift stream does not gaze down at the water, lest it should make him dizzy, and endanger his life, but fixes his eyes on the farther shore, and so crosses in safety; so the Christian, passing the troublesome waves of this life, gazes not on them, but fixes his eyes on the heavenly banks beyond, and so makes a safe crossing.

Faith and HOPE. Faith and hope, though distinct, are vitally united. They

come from the same source, are sustained by the same evidence, and are exercised on the same realities. Faith is the perceiving, hope the anticipating faculty. Faith, looking through the glass of God's word, says to the spirit, "I see heaven opened, and your Savior enthroned amidst its central splendor." Hope says to it "You are on your way to that glorious world: you will soon be there; for where he is you must be." Faith cometh by hearing; hope, by experience. Faith hath respect to the truth of the word; hope, to its fulfillment. Faith lays hold of that end of the promise which is nearest to us, even in the divine book; hope, of that end of the promise which is fastened to the mercy-seat within the veil. Faith fights for doctrine; hope, for reward. Faith is founded on what is in the Bible; hope, on what is in heaven. —C. Stanford.

HOPE, an anchor. As an anchor thrown to the bottom of the sea holds the ship fast amid storms and tempests; so the Christian's hope penetrates the waves of this troublesome world, and reaches the eternal shore, holding fast his soul amid the waves of sin.

HOPE, Christian. A consumptive disease seized the eldest son and heir of the Duke of Hamilton, which ended in his death. A little before his departure from the world, he took his Bible from under his pillow, and opened it at the passage, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto them also that love his appearing." As death approached, he called his younger brother to his bedside, and, addressing him with the greatest affection of seriousness, closed with those remarkable words: "And now, Douglas, in a little time you'll be a duke, but I shall be a king."

DANGER OF HOPE. Hope is to a man as a bladder to a learning swimmer: it keeps him from sinking in the bosom of the waves, and by that help he may attain the exercise. But yet it many times makes him venture beyond his height; and then, if that breaks, or a storm rises, he drowns without recovery. How many would die, did not hope sustain them! How many have died by hoping too much! This wonder we find in Hope,—that she is both a flatterer and a true friend.—Feltham.

### LESSON THREE

## God's Love and Goodness To Man

Scripture: John 3:16.

By Bonnie Whitaker

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

#### THOUGHTS FOR THE LEADER

All gifts to man were first good. Nothing bad has ever been presented by God

to the human race, because He has nothing in His possessions but what is good. Heaven, the home of God, is pure and holy. All that we can ever expect from Him as a gift will be holy, just and good. "Every good and perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights," James 1:17. When God placed man in the world He gave him a home that was undefiled, decorated with beautiful flowers and delicious fruits. There was no washing and mending clothes, mowing lawns, pruning and spraying trees, cutting weeds and briars, tilling the ground or such like, because even the ground was holy for it had never been cursed. When evils and temptations are heaping up around us we cannot lay the blame to God for He did not bring them into the world. Everything that God placed in the world was good. Where it is now corrupt and defiled it has been cursed since it became the property of man. Through man's disobedience the curses have been brought upon us.

#### GOD'S TEMPORAL GOODNESS TO THE WICKED

While the human race for about six thousand years has been sinful and disobedient to the Word of God, yet He, in His infinite goodness has remained good to us. God's goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life. When we were in sin and disobeying God, His goodness and mercy was with us to protect us. Many a time when sin would have dragged down to destruction they have protected us. He gives us our water, food, clothing and air, and everything good that we have. Yet I am afraid that many of us do not bow our heads and thank God for all these good blessings. A God that has all this power should be feared and loved by us who are depending on Him for the necessities of life. God offers the sinner a choice between heaven or hell. Many people value this offer very little. This offer is an act of God's love and goodness to mankind. Let us all make the right choice.

#### GOD'S TEMPORAL GOODNESS TO THE RIGHTEOUS

God has always been good to His people. David declared that he had never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread. God has promised to add the necessities of life. Matt. 6:31-34. This is a great act of God's love to us but the promise is placed on a condition. If we will first seek His righteousness we may be assured that all the rest will be added. God will give us a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Without a pure conscience nothing would bring pleasure into our lives. But with a good conscience toward God and man, most every condition of life can be transformed into pleasure. God gives peace and satisfaction. The price of them is far above the price of rubies and diamonds. The poor and destitute are happy with peace and satisfaction, the rich and haughty are unhappy without them.

#### HIS INFINITE LOVE FOR THE SOUL OF MAN

Above all things that God created, the soul of man is the most valuable. It is

worth more than all the world and it would be natural for God to love the most precious and valuable thing of His creation, and to make a greater sacrifice for it. He sacrificed His own Son. There was no one to persuade Him into it. It was only the love He had in His heart for mankind. His Son was the most precious and dearest of all the hosts of Heaven, but for the sake of man who had fallen He submitted, we believe, against His will for His Son to enter a dark world of sin. We believe that God could have prevented His death of sufferings. But since the fall of man it has been ordained that the innocent should suffer for the guilty. Innocent beasts had been suffering for guilty man but it had never freed man from sin. Now God seeks for a sure and everlasting plan of redemption. He saw that it would take a greater sacrifice than beast. He gave His only Son that fallen mankind might be redeemed. God's love is more tender and far-reaching than mother's love. Mother-love is very tender and dear and she will go as far as she can, but there is a limit with her. God's love is more tender and far-reaching than any earthly love. God withheld not His best and the Son withheld not His dearest, which was His life. Through this act of love toward man He has been enabled to go through this world with us and stand by us in death. Matt. 28:20.

#### WE SHOULD LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

This should be easily done. Where we have our trouble is loving those who hate us. God loved us before we were born and has loved us ever since. Therefore we should prove our love to Him by at least giving Him our hearts and lives. Greater love has no man than to give his life for his friends. But the Christ of heaven gave His life for His enemies. No greater sacrifice could He have made. People prove that they hate God and His righteousness by their actions. Deeds and actions speak louder than words. If we serve Him we love Him. If we don't serve Him we hate Him. He did for us what no other could or would have done. I know of no one who would have given his life for us. Even if there had been one it would have done us no good. It took a greater and more perfect sacrifice than a human body. We should love our best friend. There is not a friend like Jesus. He has proved Himself friendly with His life, and for about two thousand years since He has remained friendly in every way. Above all things we should love them that love us, and do good to them that do good to us.

With Jesus I would ever be  
His matchless name adore;  
He's done so very much for me  
I want to love Him more.

#### INFINITE LOVE

If an angel were to fly swiftly over the earth on a summer morning while the pearly dew of heaven rested on the flowers, and go into every garden, the king's, the rich man's, the peasant's, the child's, and were to bring from each one

the choicest, loveliest, sweetest flower that blooms in each, and gather them all into one cluster in his radiant hands, what a beautiful bouquet it would be! And if an angel were to fly swiftly all over the earth, into every sweet and holy home, into every spot where one heart yearns over another, and were to take out of every father's heart, and every mother's heart, and out of every heart that loves, its holiest flower of affection, and gather all into one cluster, what blessed love-garland would his eyes behold! What a holy love would this aggregation of all earth's loves be! Yet infinitely sweeter and holier than this grouping of all earth's holiest affections, is the love that fills the heart of our Father in heaven. —J. R. Miller.

#### UNIVERSAL LOVE OF GOD

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy. The lonely pine on the mountain-top waves its sombre boughs, and cries, "Thou art my sun!" And the little meadow violet lifts its cup of blue, and whispers with its perfumed breath, "Thou art my sun!" And the grain in a thousand fields rustled in the wind, and makes answer, "Thou art my sun!" So God sits effulgent, in heaven, not for a favored few, but for the universe of life; and there is no creature so poor or so low that he may not look up with a childlike confidence, and say, "My Father, thou art mine!"—Beecher.

#### BAPTISM OF LOVE

Frequently at the great Roman games, the emperors, in order to gratify the citizens of Rome, caused sweet perfumes to be rained down upon them through the awning which covered the amphitheatre. Behold the vases, the hugh vessels of perfume! But there is naught here to delight you so long as the jars are sealed; but let the vases be opened, and the vessels be poured out, and let the drops of perfumed rain begin to descend, and every one is refreshed and gratified thereby. Such is the love of God. There is a richness and a fulness in it, but it is not perceived till the Spirit of God pours it out like the rain of fragrance over the heads and hearts of all the living children of God. See, then, the need of having the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost!—Spurgeon.

#### SMILE OF THE LOVE OF GOD

It has been said by some one, "Suppose the sun in the heavens, which enlightens and warms and fructifies everything, were a rational being, which could see everything which it effects: it would then behold its own image in every sea, in every river, in every lake, in every brook: nay, it would even see itself reflected in the loftiest mountains of ice; and would it not in the abundance of its joy, forgetting itself, embrace all the oceans, seas, and rivers, nay, the very glaciers in its arms, and delight over them?" Thus Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness, beholds His image and divine work in every renewed soul as in a polished mirror. Thus our eternal Father beholds in His children the beauty of His Son Jesus Christ, with a complacency which is

more than we are able to express. He embraces them with the arms of His love, and He loves the image of Himself in which He has renewed them.—Dowling.

#### LESSON FOUR

### Paul, The Christian Hero

Scripture: Acts 21:8-19

By Mrs. E. Jackson

#### PAUL'S LAST JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Paul was advised not to go back to Jerusalem. While at Caesarea an old man named Agabus came down from Jerusalem. He was a prophet, to whom God had shown some things that were to come to pass.

This man came to Paul, and took off Paul's girdle and with it bound his own hands and feet and said: "Thus saith the Spirit of God, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle and shall give him into the hands of the Gentiles."

When Paul's friends heard this they besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

But Paul answered: "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus!"

When they saw Paul could not be moved from his purpose they ceased trying to persuade him, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

After some days in Caesarea, Paul and his friends, went up the mountains to Jerusalem. So Paul was once more, and now for the last time, in the city of his people.

#### A PRISONER WHO PREACHES TO RULERS

A few days after Paul came to Jerusalem some Jews from Asia, his enemies, fell upon him in the temple and angered the crowd by making two false charges against him, crying out, "Men of Israel help! This is the man that teacheth all men everywhere against the people and against the law, and this place; and brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place."

A mob gathered to take him from the temple courts and lynch him as, with Paul's consent, they had killed Stephen years before. As they went about to kill Paul, word reached the chief captain of a Roman guard of soldiers, who quickly went to the scene with his band of soldiers. The chief captain took Paul and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was and what he had done. As he was being led to the castle he asked to speak and standing on the steps of the castle bound as he was with chains bruised by the cruel beating of the mob, Paul spoke in the Hebrew tongue to the crowd and rulers.

They listened as he told the story of his conversion but when he spoke of being sent to the Gentiles the crowd broke out again crying, "Away with such a fellow, he is not fit to live."

Then they bound him with thongs and while doing this they learned Paul was a Roman citizen. Ref. Acts 21:17-40.

#### PAUL BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

The next day the Roman captain called the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him down before them. Paul made his defense before the body of which he was once a member, saying, "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

The high priest Ananias was so angered at these words, that he commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall. Do you sit to judge me by the law, and yet command me to be struck against the law?"

Those that were standing by said to Paul, "Do you speak such words against the high priest of God?"

"I did not know," answered Paul "that he was high priest." "It is written in the law, not to speak evil of a ruler of your people."

Paul saw there were two parties in the council, Pharisees and Sadducees. And by a few words he won the favor of the Pharisees, that they said, "We find no evil in this man." This made the other side the more furious, so that he was taken by force from the council by the Roman soldiers and brought into the castle with nothing settled. Ref. Acts 23:1-11.

#### A PLOT AGAINST PAUL FOILED

Early on the next morning after being before the Jews' council, more than forty Jews laid a plan to kill Paul, and bound themselves together by an oath, swearing that they would neither eat nor drink until they had slain him.

Now Paul had a sister living in Jerusalem and her son heard of this plot, and came to the castle and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the officers and said to him, "Take this young man to the chief captain, for he has something to tell him."

The officer did so. The chief captain asked the boy, "What is it you have to say to me?"

The boy told the chief captain of the plan the Jews had laid to kill his uncle Paul. The chief captain listened carefully, and then sent the young man away after saying to him, "Do not tell any one that you have spoken of these things to me."

Then the chief captain, Claudius Lysias, called to him two centurions, captains over a hundred men, and he said to them, "Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, and seventy men on horseback, and two hundred men with spears, at nine o'clock at night." And he told them to have horses ready for Paul, so that they might take him safely to Felix the governor of Caesarea. Ref. Acts 23:12-35.

#### PAUL BEFORE FELIX

Five days after Paul's arrival in Caesarea the high priest Ananias with the elders and a certain orator named Tertullus from Jerusalem were in Caesarea ready

to accuse Paul before the Roman governor.

Standing before a great man in his nation Paul dared to proclaim that Jesus was the Messiah. Felix saw that the charges of the Jews against Paul were too flimsy to justify conviction, but he was neither brave nor just to set Paul free. Felix ordered Paul to be kept under guard, but that his friends might freely come to see him.

One day Felix with his wife, Drusilla, sent for Paul to hear more of his teachings. The undaunted prisoner did not quail before the Roman governor Felix, but arraigned him before the judgment bar of God, that Felix was alarmed.

Two whole years passed away, and Paul was still in prison at Caesarea. Ref. Acts 24:1-27.

#### PAUL BEFORE FESTUS

Porcius Festus succeeded Felix as governor. As soon as he had taken office the rulers of the Jews pressed the case against Paul. Festus in order to please the Jews, thought to transfer the case to Jerusalem.

Paul saw his peril and he felt safer under Roman justice. He also knew he was to bear witness for Jesus at Rome, as the Lord had told him in a night vision, just after a deliverance from the Jewish mob. He was anxious to go to Rome even as a prisoner. Wherefore, he claimed his right as a citizen and said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat. If I have done anything worthy of death I am ready to die. If none of these things be true whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar."

Governor Festus after conferring with the Jews, answered, "Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? Unto Caesar shalt thou go."

So Paul was taken back to the prison at Caesarea to be sent to Rome, when his time should come. Ref. Acts 25:1-22.

#### PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA

And after certain days King Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus. During their visit to Festus, Paul was brought before King Agrippa for an informal hearing. This hearing is one of the memorable scenes of history. Before the brilliant court and the chief citizens of the city, Paul brought the proud Roman officials face to face with Christ the King. He told the story of his life and how in obedience to a heavenly vision he had preached Christ as Lord to Jew and Gentile.

Festus called him a fanatic. Agrippa met his approval with a remark, "With but little persuasion, you would make me a Christian."

Paul the shackled prisoner all aglow with a vision beyond the trappings of Agrippa's royalty, replied, "I would to God that not you alone, but all that hear me might become such as I am, except these bonds."

Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not asked to be tried before Caesar." Acts 26:1-32.



## Standing On The Promises

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my time were too much for my frail body and feeble spirit those two wonderful promises, which seem peculiarly fitted to motherhood—"Lo, I am with you always!" and "God is my refuge and fortress," came to my rescue. With these promises in mind all life took on a new and sane aspect, as I went on with what seemed a tangle before I meditated on my partnership with God himself. Even the humdrum tasks became glorious viewed in this new light of partnership with God and the assurance of His help."

It has always been a joy to me to think how many, many mothers have stood on the very same precious promises that bring comfort to my troubled spirits. How many millions of mothers down through the ages have been enabled to rear their little flock aright because they could say, "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." And so the precious promises are made still more precious to me by the thought of all the comfort and strength they have given to mothers, not only of my own time and race but to mothers of other climes and other times.

We do not know a great deal about the women in the Bible. Here and there we have a vivid picture of a heroine but even then we sigh for more details of her far-away life. Of the great mass of women in Bible times we know pitifully little in one way and yet delightfully much in another. We do not know even the names of a very great number of Bible mothers but we do know that they were "standing-on-the-promises" mothers. How can we be so sure of this? Oh, we know it, else how could they have given us the mighty characters of the Bible? Just as a river rises no higher than its source so sons seek the level of the ideals their mothers set up for them.

"Because the promises of the Bible have meant so much to me," commented a mother, "I am seeing to it that my children learn them early in life so they may have a longer time to use them. Fortunately the promises of God do not wear out but grow better with the years.

"True, the children may not get their full import and their wide significance in youth. It takes years of living to understand their wonderful meaning and even then their possibilities are inexhaustible but if the promises of God are early installed as part of their mental and spiritual equipment they will get used to using them and thus learn their value.

"When I was a girl we were given tickets in Sunday School for committing Bible verses. This inducement is not offered in the school which my children attend so I have offered it myself in the home. For a certain number of verses committed the children are given Bible pictures, books, or Bibles. They are hap-

py while working for their prizes and I am still happier because I understand better than they what wonderful prizes they are getting in the verses learned in their youth."

In claiming the promises as a foundation for our motherhood each of us is allowed her preference. God scattered His promises generously through his Book, just as he gave the stars and blossoms with a lavish hand. He might have put just one star in all the sky or one flower in all the world or one promise in the whole Bible but He didn't. Instead He made plenty of stars and flowers and promises for all. The promises I especially need may not be the ones most precious to you. God foresaw all this and provided for the needs of all of us to whom He has entrusted the carrying on of the race.

So pick from the good old Book the gems that suit you best. Mark them in some way so that you can find them more readily. Subject them to the acid test of experience and when they have stood the test, mark them "Proved." By doing this you will be adding the weight of your individual experience to the power of the promise and in a sense be helping it to be more powerful than ever before.

Store the promises of God away in your memory not when you find time but NOW. It takes only a few minutes to learn a short verse which will give you a lifetime of sustaining service. Try the "sandwiching" method, which many mothers find a solution of getting in the important things, or any other means you may hit upon but do it NOW. Make God's promises a vital telling force in your motherhood.

Then, having entered into the treasures of the promises do not keep them selfishly to yourself. Tell some other distressed little mother what the promise, "There shall no evil befall thee," has meant to you. Inspire your children, as well as any you may have an influence over, to commit precious passages from the Word of God. Thus through living and giving the promises you will be carrying forward the spirit of Him who gave them to the world.—From the Baptist Home Dept. Magazine.

### CRUSHED BY THE TEMPTER

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and fine. I can never let them see the kind of a father they have, so I never go anywhere near them. They mustn't know. And if I could do the thing tonight that I would rather do than anything else in the world, I would be sober and clean and go home to my family. My sweet, patient wife would again be proud of me; my little girl would fling her arms around my neck and kiss her daddy, and my boy would look up to me. . . The poor fellow's face went down into his arms, and he tried to suppress the sobs that were threatening to master him.

"Say, friend," and my visitor was in dead earnest, "If all Christian workers

could realize that the poor down-and-outers have a spark of good left in them, and some tender and good impulse to appeal to, maybe they wouldn't give us up for hopeless cases like they do sometimes."

He reached for his wrapped-up bundle and left the room. He had painted a picture on my heart that I have never been able to efface.

In my night thoughts a little while ago—whether dreaming or not I do not know—I found myself standing beside a newly harvested field of wheat. The shocks were beautiful and orderly, and heavily loaded with grain. Somehow I saw along the roadside the large painted sign, "Fanny Crosby's Field." On the various bunches of sheaves, as though each sheaf were a stanza of a song I saw different labels, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "Blessed Assurance," and many others. But nearest at hand, where I could admire its ripeness, and the abundance of its golden kernels of grain, stood "Rescue the Perishing."

What shall the harvest be, when all the souls have been gathered in who through many years have been touched by that wonderful song of tenderness and sympathy?

The poor, stricken song writer, who that day opened his hungry heart to me so frankly, found, through grace divine, that—

"Chords that are broken will vibrate once more."

He was later spiritually victorious; lived a life of sobriety and service, and some years after died in the faith. His wife, to whom he had been restored, in writing of that home-going, said, "I held his hand as he crossed over. He knew me and kissed me, and I said, 'Every one loves you, dear. Jesus loves you, and everything is all right.' He smiled, said, 'Yes,' and in a few minutes was with his Master. His passing was as sweet and quiet as a baby's falling asleep."

### C. OF G. Y. P. E. ALPHABET

C stands for Church, Jesus gave His life to buy,

And He's coming after her, in the rapture by and by.

G stands for God, who is the Great Supreme,

And above all idols here, to those who are redeemed.

Y stands for youth, on which our future doth depend,

For age will pass away, and then youth will He send.

P stands for people, that Jesus suffered for,

Outside the city's gates, for reproach He gladly bore.

E stands for Endeavor, which means to strive to win,

And soon our boys and girls will be conquerors over sin.

—By Mrs. Floyd O'Bannon, Pres. Y.P.E. Jasper, Fla.

## WOMAN'S INHUMANITY TO WOMAN

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big book up above and that the Mary Magdalenes may be placed just as high on the roster as some of you.

"About this time my father's health failed and I took two of my sister's children to live with me. I sewed for them that they might be as well-dressed as the girls with whom they played and went to school. This, of course, entailed some extra expense, as I sold my mink coat and a diamond ring and put the money in the bank. But it was the old story. Some good woman took it on herself to tell the mothers of the children who associated with my nieces about my terrible past. Came the day when they refused to walk to school with the girls. Oh, that day! I think I could have killed those women, for the poor girls were innocent, and why make them pay for my sin?

"So it has gone on for seventeen years. Try as I may, I cannot erase the memories of that awful six months. But there must be a little something fine about me for all the children love me and in every place I have lived I have friends among them. So I come to the end. If I ever make myself known to you I know that in a measure I shall be forgiven and that you will pass this as some erring sister: Don't look down, you'll see only mud; keep looking up and see the stars.

"I shall be listening in next Sunday, for I don't go to church often. My son must never hear a disparaging remark from some good Christian woman about the mother he adores. So I'll sit in the little home we have built in spite of sneers and slurs of the good women and I shall pray as I always have: 'God give me strength to forgive them, for they know not what they do.'—C. J., Pres. Advance.

## Golden Gooseberries

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"I related the dream to them, and they all laughed at me, and asked if I thought money would come in for Tibet as I had seen it in my vision. 'Well!' I said, 'God is able.'

"I went to bed that night full of joy.

"The next day, Monday, another sovereign was given to Grandma; and on Tuesday an old lady called at the house, and put something in my hand, saying, 'That is for your mission that you were speaking about on Sunday.'

"When she had gone I looked to see what she had put in my hand, and it was a sovereign. On the following day I met a lady and gentleman, and they put something in my hand, saying, 'That is for Tibet.' One of them had heard me speak in Sunday's meeting. Their gift also was a sovereign. I told the family that evening how much money had come in for Tibet, but they did not laugh this time. Auntie said, 'Are you trusting the Lord for a sovereign a day,

Nellie?'

"The following day, Thursday, was our weekly gathering, and Grandma asked me to tell the people a little about my dream. I received two more sovereigns, and several promises of money at the close of the meeting. As the weeks went by, the money came in every week; and when my birthday came round in August, I received quite a large number of golden gooseberries for birthday presents, all the friends telling me they were for my mission. I can assure you that I never spent a happier birthday in my life. Shortly afterwards a lady told me that she would give me five pounds when her uncle died. In less than a year this old uncle went to Heaven, and the lady gave me five pounds in golden sovereigns; so I again praised the Lord.

"And now that I have told you how the money came in, I want to say a word about the work in Tibet. There has been, and is going on, a wonderful work of God among the Tibetans. Many of these people have been truly born again, and are going on with God. Various missionaries are now doing a blessed work there; and they are seeing tokens that the Lord is in their midst, by souls being saved, and sick ones healed. My heart burns within me as I hear these good tidings from time to time. Tibet is opened now, never again to be closed. The other day a missionary said, 'Tibet has opened her door, and nailed it back.' The Tibetans are asking on every hand for the Gospel, and also for teachers; and my faith sees them coming by the hundreds.

"Coming, coming, yes they are,  
From the frozen realms of midnight,  
Over many a weary mile,  
To exchange their soul's long winter  
For the summer of His smile!"  
"Praise God with me, 'Prayer does change things!'

"A gentleman, who has been out in the mission field and who has been in Tibet more than once, has recently sent this encouraging message by Grandma: 'I am very interested in your friend's vision. Will you tell her that one of the features of the Tibetan wilds is the gooseberry bush, and that they have long spikes, like thorns, just as she saw them. This adds interest to her vision, for she saw what truly exists.'—Harriette S. Bainbridge, England.

## WHITTLLING ONE'S LIFE AWAY

"'Twan't more than five minutes," muttered the boy who was kept after school, scuffling in the dust on the master's platform. One look at the boy's sulen face, and then the principal took out an unsharpened pencil and began whittling.

"Doesn't cut away much at a time, does it?" he said. "Just a little chip here and there."

He kept on talking in this way, turning the pencil around and around and chipping away steadily, seeming to have forgotten all about what the boy was

there for. Gradually the boy himself forgot, and looked on interestedly.

"What you cutting it away so much for?" he asked at last, shyly.

"Oh, to get a good point to write with," answered the teacher. Little by little the pencil became smaller, a chip on this side, a chip on that, till at last the teacher looked up in apparent surprise and whistled ruefully. "Why, it's all gone!" he said, "and there isn't any point left to write with. I didn't take off much at a time, either! Just a little bit of a chip each time I cut into it."

"But it 'mounted up to a lot altogether!" said the boy eagerly, glad to instruct his teacher in so practical a thing as sharpening a pencil.

"Just the way your five minutes will, my boy," said the teacher, putting a hand on his shoulder. "I did this for an object lesson, and I hope you will never look at a pencil again without thinking of it. Five minutes wasted here and there in the course of a day 'mounts up,' as you say, and counts in the long run. What you are trying to do with your life is to get a good point to write with. Take care of the five minutes, and don't whittle your life away. That's all. You're not going to forget it!"—Author unknown.

## REMEMBER

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## The Devil

The devil or the old serpent is the one who deceived Adam and Eve, and he's still deceiving many of God's children today. The devil is in the slums of the cities or at the big casinos because that is his business to deceive the people. He is the prince and power of the air. Eph. 2:2. Many people think the devil has two horns and a long tail and a pitchfork in his hand, but he is a good looking devil.

In all the big towns the devil has charge of many seemingly refined and entertaining places. He gets glory out of anything that is his. Someone may say, "I thought the devil was bound in the pit." Friends, if he is bound now, I would hate to see when he is loosed.

Many times the Word of God is sown in precious hearts, but if the seed (Word) is not sown deep enough to take root, the fowls of the air or the devil will come and devour it. It is said in the Scriptures that the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet. 5:8. The devil earnestly labors after man's destruction. Job 1:7-12.

Many people think the devil tells lies all the time, but as usual he mixes a little truth with his lies as it was with Adam and Eve. The devil told Eve if she would eat of the fruit that she would know both good and evil. That is a sly way he has to deceive God's people today. He is not after the ones he has, but after the ones he doesn't have. Many of God's children are yielding to temptation that the devil brings before them. Then they turn to the devil's side and start going down that broad road toward destruction. If they do not turn to Jesus they will leap out into eternity in a midnight world without God.—Your brother in Christ, Leonard Doss, Memphis, Tenn.

## NEWS ITEMS

The Gleeful Five sang at the Church of God in Etowah, Tenn. last Sunday.

The last few days Brother and Sister J. H. Walker have been under a severe strain. Their little son, Junior, has been very ill, and, though better, is not yet recovered. Please pray for his healing.

Brother Marvin Mortenson and Brother A. V. Beaubé, B.T.S. students, are conducting a revival at Lenoir City, Tenn.

Another busy examination week is here! Just six more weeks and this term will be in history. We are all striving to make good grades and do our very best in school.

We are sounding a big note of thanks for the dime books we have received already. Hurry to fill yours so that none of the students will have to leave school.

## BY WAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Dear Echo Readers:

It affords me great pleasure to boost the school which I am attending. B.T.S. is a good place to come to be encouraged in this gospel way, as young people nowadays need encouragement. There are so many things in the world to draw them away.

Young people can do so much for the Lord. In Bible days the Lord used the younger generation mightily and He can use the young people of today. We read in 1 Sam. 17th chapter how the Lord was with David and through him the victory was won. Samuel was very young, but still the Lord called him and he was known in all Israel that he was established to be a prophet of the Lord. 1 Sam. 3:20. The Lord will use the young heart if he will only let Him have His way.—A student and booster of B.T.S., Pauline Vore, Clarksburg, W. Va.

## THE SWEET WILL OF GOD

I pray, oh, Lord, Thy will be done  
From morning light to set of sun.  
In all my life thru-out each day,  
Thy will be done in every way,  
And I have nought at all to say.

I pray, oh, Lord, Thy will be done  
Till Thou can'st see in me Thy Son.  
My every word to breathe Thy fame,  
And every deed show forth Thy name  
And all Thy holiness proclaim.

I pray, oh, Lord, "Thy will be done  
Until the victory has been won,  
And every whit of temple praise,  
In every move and every phase,  
Thy matchless name to endless days.  
—Selected.

## ENJOYED BLESSINGS OF GOD

LEXINGTON, N. C.—We are glad to report victory, bless the name of Jesus. We are glad also to say that the Lord was with us Saturday night in our watch service. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing and then a sermon by Brother S. S. Perry of Thomasville, also Sister O. G. Graver. They gave encouraging messages. At first the power didn't seem to be felt so much in our midst, but we held on to God and about ten-thirty o'clock when Brother M. A. Looney was preaching the Lord came down in mighty power and filled the house. Well, it was good to be there and enjoy the good blessings of God.

I thank God for the Church of God at this place. We only have sixteen members at present but God is able to double that number this year. We are looking and praying for a mighty revival and harvest of souls in the near future. Please pray that we will stay humble and willing to do anything the Lord would have us do.—Your sister in Christ, Janie Solomon, clerk.

## WE MEAN TO DO OUR BEST

Greetings to all of God's children everywhere. We will say this morning that we count it a great privilege to sound a note of praise to our dear Lord thru the Evangel. We greatly appreciate the Evangel and feel that it is a real blessing to us. We look forward each week for its coming. We are glad that God was so good to us that He saved us and gave us this great salvation and added us to the great Church of God which we love so well.

We came to Frost Proof, Fla., Oct. 20 and found a fine little band of workers here. We have prayed quite a bit. The enemy has worked also. The Lord has met with us. A number have been saved, several sanctified, two have been filled with the Holy Ghost and many new ones are looking this way. We are doing our best and mean to keep on as long as we are here. Three have been added to the church and we have had to disfellowship two. Please pray one and all for us here. This is our first year in the pastoral work and we are looking for great things to be done. Pray that we will stay humble and lean at all times on the One who has done so much for us.—Humbly yours in the Master's service, Loran V. Hall and wife, Frost Proof, Fla.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### JESUS GIVING LIFE AND HEALTH

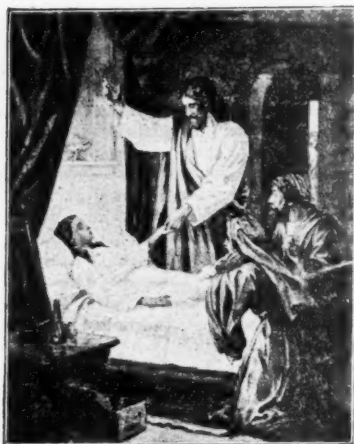
Lesson 10—March 5

TIME: Late in A.D. 28.

PLACE: Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.—Ps. 126:3.

LEADING THOUGHT: We receive blessings from God in accordance with our faith.



Lesson Text: Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

V. 21. "And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side," near to Capernaum (see Matt. 1:13). "Much people gathered unto him; and he was nigh to the sea." Luke says the people received Him, for they were waiting for Him. Matthew calls Capernaum His own city (Matt. 9:1). He had quit Nazareth because of conditions mentioned in Luke 4:16-31.

V. 22. "There cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jarius by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet." Jarius has been mentioned as being one of the elders of the synagogue. His action here displays his humility.

V. 23. "And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death." Matthew says, "Is even now dead." Luke says, "She lay a dying." But the following words: "I pray thee, come and lay thy hands upon her, that she may be healed: and she shall live," indicate that though she was accounted as dead and, therefore, "lay a dying," that through the touch of Jesus he expected healing unto life.

V. 24. "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him." It was on this trip that the woman touched Him and was healed of the issue of blood. The ready response of Jesus to go with him, shows the willingness of Him to assist in time of afflictions.

V. 35. "While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house

certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" The messenger had abandoned all hope, and so possibly had Jarius.

V. 36. To offset unbelief, "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken He saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe." Our Lord had lingered and allowed the worst to happen as He did in the case of Lazarus, so that the miracle would be all the more a witness of His power of resurrection.

V. 37. "And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James." This was the first selection of the three apostles to witness things not seen by the rest. The other two occasions was the transfiguration and the agony in the garden.

V. 38. "And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly." The "flute players" and "the people making a noise" was customary with both Jews and Gentiles to "quicken the sorrow of the mourners by funeral dirges." The presence of such attests the fact of the death of the child.

V. 39. "And when he was came in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Some think that the maid was not dead but only sleeping. Perhaps it pleased Jesus to refer to death as a sleep, therefore He who was "the resurrection and the life" rightly said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep." With death referred to as a sleep the end of it is in view, as one awakened from sleep is typical of the resurrection.

V. 40. "And they laughed him to scorn." He suffered this that afterward they might have a true faith in Him who

was the "resurrection and the life." "But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entering in where the damsel was lying." Those who mocked and scorned Him He suffered not to see the manifestation of the power of the resurrection; they had disqualified themselves by their unbelief. See 2 Kings 4:33.

V. 41. "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise." Literally, "Little maid, arise." The imperative of the Savior recognized no doubt and thus produced another miracle.

VV. 42-43. "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment." And he charged them straightly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat." The restoration here was immediate and complete; the "maid arose and walked," which afforded the amazement of those with Him. His command that something be given her to eat, signified His confidence as connected with His own power and as strength to the faith of others present. It has been pointed out that there is a gradation in the miracles performed in those whom He raised from the dead. 1. The daughter of Jarius just raised from death immediately following its occurrence. 2. The widow's son raised from the bier as the funeral procession was in order. 3. The raising of Lazarus from the tomb after he was dead four days. 4. The resurrection of His own body from the power of death. Such attests and manifests His power over death in its various stages.

### CLASS BUTTONS



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### JESUS SAID HE WOULD NEVER LEAVE OR FORSAKE US

Dear readers and fellow laborers, this time finds me, my mother and two brothers in the lower Rio Grande battling against Satan and sin, though at the present it seems that we are not gaining much ground. Jesus said that He would never forsake us nor leave us and also said, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, and that is what we are doing, just waiting for the Lord to open the way for us that we may get this glorious Gospel to a lost people.

We have three churches in the valley, yet that is not many for such a large area. We need more workers for this field for this surely is a needy field. Any one who wants to bear the cross to an ignorant and gainsaying people just come to the southwest for the people surely are ignorant of the cross of Christ. Please join in prayer for the work in the valley as we surely need it. Any one who is a good singer and musician and wants to go in the gospel work just write me at Weslaco, Tex. May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all both now and forever. Amen.—Your fellow laborer in the gospel, Evangelist Allen D. Hodo, Weslaco, Tex.

### IN THE FIGHT FOR THE LORD

EDINBURG, Tex.—The saints still have the victory at Edinburg, also at Mission. The Harlingen saints are in the fight for the Lord. They have started a revival at Raymondville, a new place. Thank God, the saints are doing their best for God here in the valley. We are looking for our state overseer, Brother Coats. Pray for us in the fight for Jesus.—B. C. Coudron.

### NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

MORTON, Tex.—Dear Evangel readers and Churches of God everywhere, greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. We want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is doing in this part of the country.

We came over here Sept. 16 and about the second Sunday in October we started prayer meeting. Since that time we have had two prayer meetings a week. Eleven have been saved, three sanctified and one filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Four have been cleaned up of the tobacco habit. Last Sunday night eleven were in the altar, some seeking different experiences. One dear old mother sixty-nine years old had a goiter for about thirty years. Every time she was in meeting she would testify that the devil would try to choke her to death. One Sunday night the power of God fell like rain and cast the devils out and she danced all over the place and praised God.

You all pray much for us, we need your prayers. Also pray God to open a door for a revival here. The people are so hungry for one.—Yours in the service for God till Jesus comes.—Lee and Lucy Green.

### CAN'T TELL THE GOOD DONE

ROCKY FORD, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' sweet name: I am praising God for sweet victory in my soul. We have just closed a wonderful revival at Sanhill Church of God. Brother William B. Stone did the preaching. God surely did bless him in giving out the Word. Brother Stone is a real man of God. The meeting ran two weeks and three days. Five were filled with the Holy Ghost, five were baptized in water and two were added to the church. We can not tell all the good that was done, eternity alone can tell. The saints are revived and the church is on fire for God. I thank God for sending Brother Stone down here. He seemed to be the very one we needed here. Any church that needs a revival will do well to call for Brother Stone to preach for them.

I want you all to pray for us here at this place that this church will rise and shine for God.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. L. W. Hendrix.

### WILLING TO DO ANYTHING FOR HIM

Dear Evangel readers, I am praising God for full salvation because I know the Holy Ghost abides just now. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I know the dear Lord is fully able and willing to heal because it is His Word and I have tried Him and found Him true.

About nine years ago I was in sin and my health was bad. The doctor said he could not help me and that I could not live very long. I turned to the Lord and began to seek Him with my whole heart. After promising the Lord that I would give my life in service to Him He healed my body and gave me salvation according to His Word. But I did not obey and failed to take up the work that the Lord placed on me and I drifted away from God. I have learned a lesson and I know now that God never excuses or lets us off when He has a work and calls us to work.

Last September I was again afflicted in my body and was seriously ill. I remembered the goodness of the Lord and after many hours in prayer I found Him willing to restore me again. I also found I had to renew my promise to give my life in service for Him. I am not completely healed yet but I am trusting God and I want my faith to be in Him. I am willing to do anything for Him. Please pray that the Lord may use me.

We are living in the days of waning faith. Jesus said, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8. The worldly churches have linked hands with the world. You can hardly tell the difference between the church members and the world. But there are some, thank God, that love the Bible and are hungry for the full Gospel. Some people are very careful to provide for and see that the natural body is com-

fortable and they spend money trying to look good but they will cramp down and starve the Spirit and won't give Him any freedom. They do not care how ugly or unbecoming He is. Yet it is the inward man or the spiritual condition that can really make people exist somewhere thruout eternity after the body has returned to the earth. Will the spiritual man then be strong enough to stand before God? We strive, work and save to build us comfortable homes here, but are we as mindful about building a home eternal where we may live for ever? Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of person ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness? 2 Pet. 3:11. When all our earthly treasures are dissolved and nothing is of value to us except our holiness and godliness will we be rich then? Pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, Thad Puckett, Calhoun, Ga.

### IT WAS WONDERFUL HOW THE LORD BLESSED

I am praising the Lord this evening for victory in my soul. I'm thanking the Lord for a revival at Cumberland that closed last Thursday night. It was wonderful how the Lord did bless the last week. The devil was on his job, but soon found out that he couldn't down the Church of God and I thank God for it.

Brother Charles Ola Crank of Hamilton, Ohio and Sister Ida Edwards did the preaching. Three were saved, three sanctified and six added to the church. The meeting closed with several in the altar. Cumberland is a new place for the Church of God and a hard one. We need the help and prayers of the saints. I'm asking every reader to pray much for this church that it may grow stronger.—Yours for the Lord, Zelica A. Holcomb, Box 112, Cumberland, Ky.

### GOD IS DOING MUCH FOR US

Dear Evangel readers, greetings. Dec. 30, 1932 witnessed the close of a three weeks' revival that proved a great success in every way. The revival was held at Troy Springs in a house belonging to Brother Anderson. He is not a member of the Church of God, but he is a friend to the Church. His wife and some of his children are members. They took us into their home and made us welcome and we feel sure that God is going to bless them for it.

Grandma Fletcher went all thru the revival with us and did her part in holding our hands up. Her prayers and testimonies were a great blessing to the revival. Six were baptized with the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and one saved. Eight were baptized in water and nine added to the Church of God at Branford.

God is doing much for us at Branford. We expect to begin a revival here Feb. 12, D. V. Please pray for the success of this meeting.—E. E. Coleman and wife, Box 82, Branford, Fla.

## NOTICES

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Lewis, Addie Banks. If not heard from at once, your name will be dropped from the church record.—W. G. Dooley, clerk, Clemmons, Ky.

If any one knows the whereabouts of A. M. Rogers of Georgia please notify us at once. We would appreciate getting his address.—Editor.

To the Evangel readers of the Church of God at large: After being with the Chicago work for four years and not having a building of our own in which to worship, many of our members have left the city, especially the male members. I have asked the State Overseer to put some one over this work and let me evangelize, to which he has agreed. I truly thank God for answering prayer, first of all for the church at Jena, La. where I labored among the long pine. I would be glad to hear from the clerk of that church. Again I thank God for the new church in New York as I have prayed for my daughter there, that she might hear the Church of God preached.

If the Lord is willing, we expect to move out the first of April. I promised Brother Hughes at Fort Wayne, Ind. our first revival. I have, as you know, Sister Zimmerlin who plays the piano for me and has been with me since the death of Brother Shumaker. Since the depression she has been willing to work with her hands to help carry on this work. We feel that she is burying her talent to continue working when we have no building. I also have a man and his wife who are good singers and have a new Ford car. They have the Holy Ghost and are preparing to go with us. Would be glad to hear from those who are in need of a revival.—Sincerely your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, 2304 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

A revival has been going on at Robsart, Sask., Can., for some time now with Sister Carrie M. Butler of Plaza, N. Dak. in charge. A good crowd is present every meeting night to hear the wonderful and inspiring gospel messages delivered by Sister Butler under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Several of the young people from Consul have been with us a lot of the time, helping with the music and singing. I'm sure God will reward them for what they have done. Several have been saved in and thru these meetings and God is dealing with many more, while the saints here have been deeply refreshed and strengthened. Sister Butler has won her way into the hearts of both saved and unsaved thru song as well as in the way she presents God's truth, and great things are expected for Robsart before the meetings are discontinued. People are hungry for the truth, and will the saints everywhere pray that many more precious souls will be won for God during this revival? Satan is very busy as he usually is where God is drawing souls unto Himself, and much earnest prayer

is needed.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. R. C. Morrison.

To whom it may concern: I am receiving inquiries concerning the Mills sacrifice slaying near Inez, Ky. I wish to say that these people are in no way connected with the Church of God.—John C. Jernigan, Overseer of Ky.

The Church of God at Dillon, S. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Alva Hills and Lula Tyner. If we fail to hear from them before next conference, their names are subject to being dropped from the roll.—A brother in Christ, Geo. Sales, clerk, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

I would be glad some Evangel reader would send me the following songs: "Give Me the Roses While I Live," "Calvary's Mountain," and "The Great Speckled Bird."—George Sales, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Rayville, La., Rt. 2, Bx. 220 to Epss, La., Bx. 212.—J. B. Cole, Overseer of Louisiana.

I would like to rent a farm of fifty acres or more to a good church worker and farmer, located near Tarrytown, Ga. For further information write W. B. Cadle, Mt. Vernon, Ga. or the owner, Mrs. E. M. Phillips, Jesup, Ga., R.F.D.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Sister Ruth Justin and Sister Nora Carpenter. Both belong to the Church of God and did live in Detroit, Mich.—Mrs. Lucille Cook, Box 118A, Rt. 2, Truman, Ark.

To the Sunday Schools of Missouri and Kansas: The Sunday School work is a great work and one part of the Church of God which we all say we love, but so many people fail to attend Sunday School as they should. Say, come on, Missouri and Kansas. Everybody put your shoulder to the wheel. Do your best as Prov. 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Mothers, fathers, come on and take the lead, because we love the Church of God. If Jesus carries the younger generation will have to take our place, and also, look at the world today and see the deception on every hand and what the children are learning at school. They need to know the Word of God, that they may not be deceived. Put on a contest, make Sunday School interesting for the children, show them that you love them. Last quarter our average attendance was forty-six and we could not raise the money in the Sunday School to pay for our literature. We put on a contest this quarter and our average is seventy-five and finance is good. God is blessing.

The second Sunday in February we called it Orphan Sunday and we raised a little money and a box of things to send to the orphans at Cleveland. Don't

say you are not able. Try it. God will make a way.

Let every Sunday School set aside the last Sunday in March for missions. Think what a dollar from each one of the fifteen Sunday Schools in the two states would mean. If you were out of the United States and trusting God, how would you feel to receive \$15.00? We need to take these things to heart.

District superintendents, we will do our best to be with you at each Sunday School district convention. Let each one be faithful and report, and in the near future we will get a state banner to send to the school that makes the most progress. Come on, pastors and Sunday School superintendents, let's go over the top for God and His Church.—State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, R. C. Ogle, 1217 Iowa St., Joplin, Mo.

Our revival at Electra, Tex. is going fine. It has been running two weeks and twenty-five have received the Holy Ghost to date. We are looking for a real breakthrough. S. C. Chambers, evangelist in charge.—S. J. Wood, pastor.

My address will be Sudith, Ky. this year. Any one wanting to hear from me may write me at this address. I will be in the evangelistic work. If you need my service, let me hear from you.—Charlie Igo.

Any one knowing the address of Reuben Powell, please write me at Thor, Ky.—R. L. Rexrode.

To the Churches of God in Oklahoma, greetings. This is to certify that Paul P. Carpenter is herewith appointed state evangelist. Any one desiring a meeting get in touch with him, or any one wanting to do evangelistic work in Oklahoma, write him as he is booking all meetings. His address is Seminole, Okla. He is a good evangelist. Don't fail to let him know your needs concerning a meeting.—Graham Oglesby, Overseer of Okla.

### CORRECTION

The report of the revival at Kannapolis in last week's issue should have stated twenty-three sanctified and nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost instead of twenty sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost.

The California state convention will convene at Baldwin Park, Calif., March 3-5 inclusive. As the local church needs about all the present floor space for their services, the building is being enlarged in order to take care of the crowds, and if this proves inadequate, we can probably arrange to move the meetings across the street into the Central School Auditorium. Come with us, all of you who can, and pray in the meantime that God will be gracious to us by making His presence real in our midst. Those coming from a distance, please bring bedding and cooking utensils along. Provision will be made for you to cook, eat and sleep while there. Brothers S. W. Latimer, General



Overseer; E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary; and H. L. Whittington, Overseer of South Carolina, will be with us on this occasion, D. V.—J. H. Ingram.

L. T. Langston is no longer a minister in the Church of God.—R. P. Johnson, Overseer of Georgia.

Ministers, members, and friends in Georgia, the Assembly ruled that one Sunday in each quarter was to be set apart as special mission day. The purpose is to raise funds for the mission work. Georgia is behind with her quota. This is too bad and shouldn't be. There is but one right way out and that is for every minister in the state to awake to the rulings of the Assembly and put forth an effort to awake every member under his or her care. If all do not have money to give, they could fast and pray for the mission work. Each minister please preach on missions between now and the third Sunday in March. Ask every member to do that much and let's have a one hundred per cent loyal people for missions.

We will take up the district work as soon as the weather warms up to where our people can attend from a distance.

All pastors please inquire if your clerks are reporting promptly each month. Remember, preacher, that your duty calls for you to stand firmly for the teachings

of the Assembly, and your standing as a minister in Georgia depends on your loyalty and the loyalty of your church.—R. P. Johnson, Overseer of Georgia.

To Sunday Schools in Tennessee: Sevierville got the state Sunday School banner the first month. Sevierville, you must put forth a great fight to keep it as there will be other Sunday Schools with a fighting spirit to be the fastest growing Sunday School in the state. Let's go, Sunday Schools in Tennessee, for that record. We want every Sunday School to report to the State Superintendent so you will be in the contest.—F. M. Waldron, State Sunday School superintendent, 209 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

The Anniston district meeting of the Church of God will convene at Anniston, Ala., March 11, 12. Everybody is invited to be with us and share the good blessings from the Lord. We are expecting the members from all the churches in the district to be with us, and all the preachers are requested to be present. Pray that the Lord will have full control of the meeting. Our State Overseer will be with us Sunday. We also expect to have some good quartets. Don't forget the time and place. The church is located on 12th St. and Ferron Ave.—Your humble brother, J. S. Collins, District pastor, 1328 Bancroft St., Anniston, Ala.

## WE GIVE GOD ALL THE PRAISE

RAY, Ohio.—I truly praise the Lord this morning for the victory over sin. We began a revival at West Junction Nov. 27 and closed it Dec. 20. Brother Herschel Dillinger did the preaching assisted some by the writer. God surely did bless and anoint His servants in giving out His blessed Word and you could just feel the conviction settle down over the people. I have never seen folks more attentive to the Word of God. The devil worked in many ways. Some of the saints got sick and the weather got so cold and bad but we held on to God and He heard the cries of His children and gave us the victory. There were four saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and several earnest seekers were still at the altar when the meeting closed.

We surely hated to see it close but we saints were so worn out in body praying and crying with the precious souls that were weeping their way thru to Calvary. Oh, praise the Lord for these dear souls! I tell you dear hearts, if I didn't know God I would surely be seeking to find Him while the door of mercy is still open, for there is coming a time when it will be closed against us.

One man I want to mention about, a close neighbor of mine, had always spoken against this way and had not been coming to the services for a long time. He came out two or three nights and God got hold of his heart when he was out at his work, and he cried and prayed and talked to the Lord all that

day. He came out that night and fell at the altar. He came up from there in a little while praising the Lord, saved and sanctified and is tarrying for the Holy Ghost. He is the father of eight children all at home, so you know that will mean much in the lives of those little children.

I want to say to any dear saints who may be living some place where there is no church and no one to help you, do not get discouraged, just live true and keep praying. I stood all alone here for several years, not another Church of God saint here. I shed many tears and prayed many prayers and wondered why I had to stay here, but now I've begun to understand. We have a good church and Sunday School here now and more are to come in the church soon.

We have got the happiest, brightest-faced bunch of saints I think I ever saw. God blesses them, I love them. I say sometimes they remind me of a bunch of little hungry birds with mouths open just ready to eat down the good Word of God as you give it out to them. We give God all the praise for what He has done in this place. He is worthy of all praise.—Edith Graves.

## REVIVAL HELD AT CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

We are still praising God for victory over sin and that our God is the same everywhere, bless His name! On arriving at our new field of labor we found a band of saints on fire for God who love the Church of God and her teachings. Truly they gave us a warm welcome

and soon we were made to feel right at home.

We found a wonderful Y. P. E. here. Our young people love to do something for God. On Nov. 27 we started a revival conducted by the pastor and surely God blessed in a wonderful way. Every one of the saints seemed at their very best in filling their places and in doing their best. The good Holy Ghost was here with convicting power. Many were blessed. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in tongues and glorify God. We are giving God the glory for everything that was accomplished. We are looking forward to still greater things in Him. We desire the prayers of God's people that He will bless us and make us a blessing in our new field of labor that we might be able to help gather precious sheaves for our Master.—Mrs. D. G. Phillips.

## CHURCH MOVING FORWARD

TOLEDO, O.—Brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere, may the Lord's blessings rest upon you this coming year and many souls be born into the Kingdom of God. We see a great future for the Church of God at Toledo, Ohio this year. We have our church up in the center of town where it used to be. We have services every night and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. Some have been reclaimed and others saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. We surely have had some wonderful times. The altar is filled most every night and the mighty power of the Lord is surely manifested. People in Toledo are hungry for the Gospel and we have a full house most every night. Brother C. B. Huff, our pastor, truly preaches the Word of God and it really hits folks all over, both big and small.

We felt pretty blue six months ago at the condition of the church, but now that we have moved and the Lord is working we can see a silver lining thru the clouds for Toledo at last. When every one began to pray and put their shoulder to the wheel we moved right up the line carrying the blood stained banner of Christ, defeating sin and the devil on every hand. Toledo surely needs the Gospel as it is a very wicked city and so full of false doctrines and so-called Pentecostal movements that the people really need the full Gospel preached where they can hear it.

We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing on the last day of the old year and prayed while the New Year came in. We surely had a wonderful time and felt that the Lord is going to do mighty things in Toledo this year.

Brother Joel Stamper of southern Ohio is going to conduct a revival for us starting sometime this week. We don't know when it will end, but we feel that the Lord is going to save many souls the way the meetings are going now. All praying people remember to pray each day for this revival and the church at Toledo and we feel that we will come out victorious for Christ.—A brother in Christ, Harold Lintner, 717 Superior St.

## REQUESTS

Mrs. J. L. Holloway, Rt. 1, Coffeetown, Miss. requests prayer that she may be restored to the joys of her salvation. She also requests prayer for her unsaved brothers and sisters and that her husband may stand true.

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I earnestly request that each one of the Evangel readers pray that God will completely heal my right side which has been bothering me about three months.—Your sister, Gertie Hutsell, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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I have been sick in body for a year or more with something like heart trouble and I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would testify of it, but I am not completely healed. I want every one to please pray that God will completely heal me and I will be the cause of somebody else coming to God before it is too late. Please pray for my father to be saved before it is too late.—J. L. Holloway, Rt. 1, in care of Mrs. Lambert, Coffeetown, Miss.

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Please pray for my sister that the Lord will heal her completely of the flu. Pray for my unsaved brothers to be saved, also pray for the young folks at this place to shine for God.—A sister in Christ, Miss Noura Chesser, Foley, Fla.

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I ask all the praying people to fast and pray the fourth Saturday in February, which is the 25th, for the healing of Brother B. J. Hillhouse's body. He has lung trouble. He is fully trusting God and needs your prayers. He is a preacher in the Church of God and is pastor at Rocky Mount, N. C. Please pray for him as he is in bad shape, also pray for his mother.—Mrs. L. L. Swails, Lake and, Fla.

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I want the Church of God members who believe in divine healing to have special prayer for my eye. It is just about out. I want to trust the Lord. I have trusted him for eight years and I know He can heal. He has healed us many times. Pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Your brother, M. D. Larimore, Rt. 1 A, Liberty, Miss.

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I have a badly bruised hand. Pray for me that it will be healed.—R. E. Lovell, Deerfield, Va.

## REPORT FROM CHURCH AT CELINA, TEX.

CELINA, Tex.—Just a few lines to say we are still on the battlefield for Jesus. God is blessing here in Celina. We were so glad to have our state overseer, Brother J. C. Coats, Sister Coats and Sister Iredelle Walker with us in service the night of Dec. 27. We want them to visit us again at any possible time.

Brother and Sister Foshee, evangelists, from Arkansas have been with us the past few days. If the Lord is willing their work will be in Texas this year. If any

one wants a meeting and would like to get in touch with them write C. D. Foshee, in care of Mrs. Georgie Johnston, Rt. 1, Box 49, Hawkins, Tex. Brother and Sister Foshee are real workers for God, giving their lives for the cause of Jesus Christ. Thank God for soldiers who will give up to win lost and dying humanity to Christ. We invite them again to our little humble church in Celina. May God bless you all.—Your brother in Christ, H. W. Pugh.

## MANY THINGS TO PRAISE GOD FOR

ONTARIO, Calif.—I am just praising God this morning for His tender mercies to me. Oh, we have so many things to praise Him for, but most of all for His saving power and keeping grace. Though we are tempted in many ways and trials seem almost unbearable yet His promising words bear upon our hearts, I will not allow you to be tempted above that you are able to bear, but will with the temptations also make a way to escape. We find these promises are true if we will only pray when the trials come upon us.

I praise Him for victory just now. I am so glad there are a few Church of God folks here in California and hope and pray the Lord will send more ministers this way to preach His great truths though there are many good Pentecostal people here. The Foursquare people also the Rescue Mission folks are doing a wonderful work here at this time. We don't get to go to Church of God services here as often as we did in the East and we get very hungry for a good old Church of God revival.

I ask all the Evangel readers who read this to please pray for me that I will ever stand true to my Lord. Also pray that the Lord will baptize my husband with the Holy Ghost and heal his body of the long halt of affliction. Saints, let's hold on to God's unchanging hand for surely His coming draweth near. Please don't forget to pray that God will build up His church in this place. Greetings to all the saints at Murphy.—Donna Whorton, 1335 East D. St.

## HE ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS

CRUMLEYS CHAPEL, Ala.—Evangel family, I just want to praise the Lord this evening thru the pages of this little paper for good old time salvation. I am truly glad that the Lord has kept me and spared my life to see another year and I'm glad too for the good Holy Ghost and fire. Praise the Lord! I feel so happy now.

I just want to praise the Lord for the good meeting that we have just had at Crumleys Chapel. We didn't have a pastor over here so we had been praying for the Lord to send us a preacher, and bless His good name He answered our prayers. On Jan. 5 Brother J. S. Collins, our district pastor, and Brother Prince of Jacksonville, Ala. and two Ball brothers came over and, bless the Lord, we had one more good old time Pentecostal meeting. The presence of the Lord was great. Those people surely are on fire for the Lord. The presence of the Holy Ghost was there for we heard Him witness. Praise the Lord! Brother Collins was slayed under the power for some time. Brother Prince delivered one of the best sermons I ever heard preached. His subject was on the things that strengthen the Church and he surely did make it plain. And these Ball brothers! I am not going to tell you how well they play the guitar and sing for I am not able. Words can't express it. The Lord surely was with them in song service for we could feel His presence. Oh, glory! They were with us Thursday night and Friday at eleven o'clock and held quarterly conference. The church chose one of the Brother Balls for our pastor for the present year of which we thank the Lord because we feel like the Lord sent him over here. We are asking the Lord to send these brothers to visit us again in the near future. We believe the Lord is with each one of these brothers for we could feel the fellowship.

I ask the saints everywhere to please pray for this place that it will rise and shine for Jesus. Pray that we will keep on the firing line and live the life.—Your humble sister in the Lord, Mrs. Nora Harris, clerk.

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ANNUAL LETTER FROM THE GENERAL PRESIDENT TO BE READ IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING  
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To the official staff, members and friends of the Church of God Young People's Endeavor, greetings: As the time is drawing near for our next annual session, I avail myself of the opportunity to call your attention to the same. You are aware of the fact that just a few more weeks from this date we will be in session of one among the greatest conventions in the history of its birth, D.V. I am asking all the Young People's Endeavors to represent with more members than ever before. I am also asking the churches that have no Y. P. E. to work up one and represent in the Convention of 1933 which will convene in the Church of God Auditorium at Jacksonville, Fla., April 16, 1933. The way to represent is to start now and not wait for the time to draw nigh.

Now my dearly beloved ones, our task for another year's work is near its end. As we feel the pressure of the atmosphere of another great Convention, our minds reflect back to our last annual gathering. Many days of fighting and toiling, watching and praying have passed since that time. We have had a hard fight with the prince of darkness and have labored under grievously adversed circumstances and ghastly privation. Now we look forward to the coming Convention with great joy. We always enjoy this great reunion at its advent when we meet saints from the east, west, north, and south. It reminds us of that great Convention, where Jesus Himself will be the moderator, which will never be dispersed. Just a few more days, then we'll begin to vacate our offices from the different parts of the Master's vineyard and go, as it were, up to the house of the Lord there to meet the God of Jacob, there to sit at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him. The merchant will soon close his doors, the farmer will put up his plows and hang up his hoes; the fisherman will hang out his nets; the carpenter will leave his benches; the laborer will lay down his tools, not to receive their pay, but as it were, to get a little recreation from the noonday sun and to refresh their exhausted spirits.

I highly appreciate your humble, submissive way in which you have cooperated with me for the great and general interest of the C. of G. Y. P. E. during the past church year. I thank you also for the way you responded with the 25c per quarter according to the action of the Young People's Convention. Some of the local bands felt my care and great responsibility in the work and have donated far beyond this amount per quarter to aid and assist me in the time and labor that I am giving for the wonderful cause. I highly appreciate this special care you have for me and for the sweet spirit which seemed to exist among you.

I am asking all the local bands of the Young People's Endeavor work to be represented at the Quarterly Union Meeting, which is to be held on your district the 4th Sunday in March, with a quota of \$1.00 according to action of the Young People's Convention. Also send in your quarterly reports to the General President. Some of the local bands have failed to send in any report during the past church year. This means that your space on the general record is completely blank and that your Endeavor is disloyal to the cause. So I request of you not to let this continue but be loyal to your organization and help to build up the work.

I am in hope of receiving quarterly reports from all the local bands at the end of the quarter. This will help us to build up a general record of the work. The local bands that haven't as yet sent in your census report blank, please fill them out and mail them to my address according to the ruling of the Convention.

Now my dear co-workers, members and friends of the Young People's Endeavor work, I pray that you are now beginning to make ready to attend this great annual feast that we are expecting to receive from the presence of the Lord. Each local band is requested to be represented at this Convention by a representative with the sum of \$5.00, the proceeds of which will go for the benefit of the Auditorium.

Please fill out the inclosed annual report blank immediately after the 4th Sunday in March and mail the same at once to my address along with your quarterly report that it might be in my possession by March 30th.

I request the local bands not to send in five, ten and fifteen cent stamps as I have quite a few of these stamps on hand and they are not exchangeable at the post office. Please send money order if possible or three cent stamps.

Now my dearly beloved ones, bear in mind that just a few more weeks from this date the general roll will be called at the Second Annual Convention of the C. of G. Y. P. E. where thousands of ears will be listening to hear from you and thousands of eyes will be looking to witness what you have done. Let us not bring in a report or an excuse like the slothful servant. Do your best whether it be little or great. Whatever we do in the promotion of God's cause that He may be exalted among men and recognized as their God is remembered in Heaven. With best wishes for a happy Convention I remain,

Yours in the Master's service,

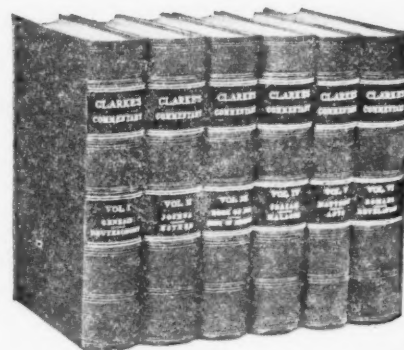
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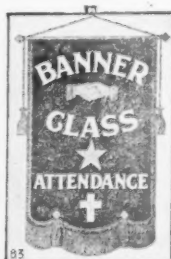
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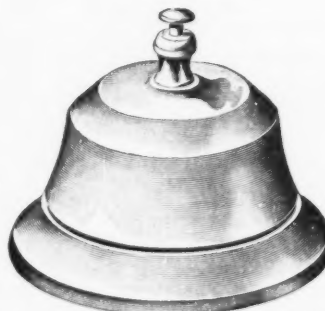
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